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Union deals: 1 down, 1 to go?

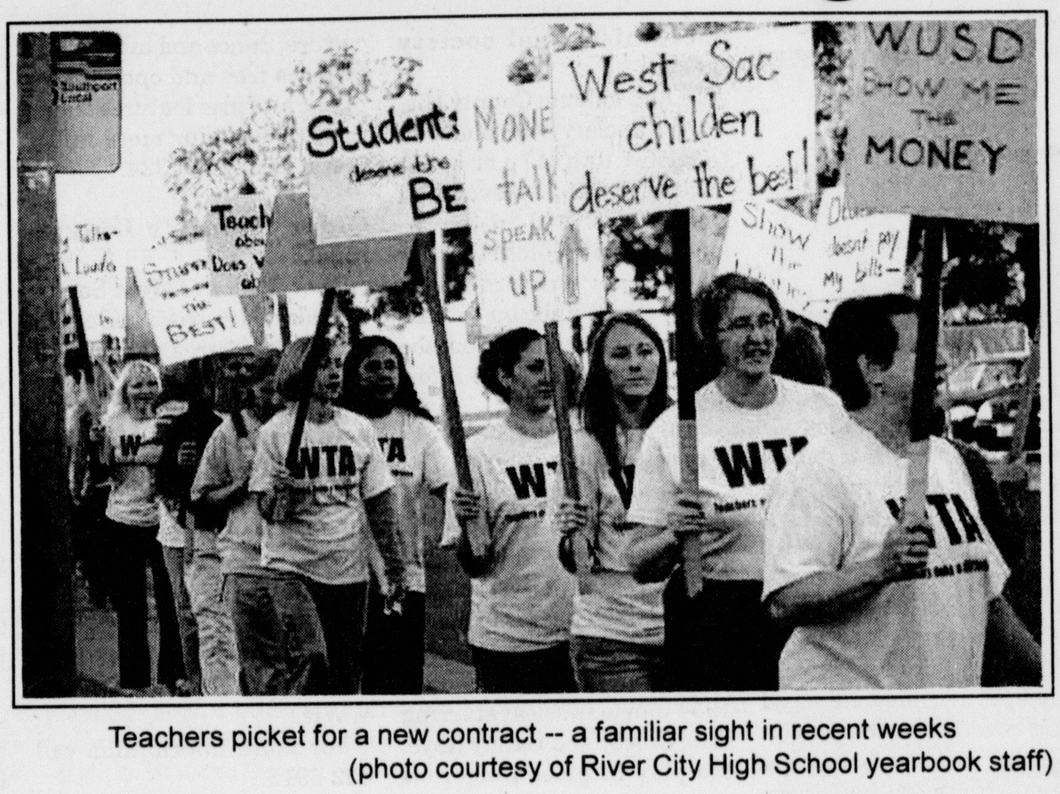
By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's school district has reached a tentative labor deal with its non-teaching school staff. Negotiators on both sides have agreed that the "classified" employees of the Washington Unified School District will receive a five percent increase in total compensation, divided about equally between their salary and benefits.

The deal with staff is scheduled to go in front of the school board at its meeting tomorrow for final approval.

The classified union's proposed contract serves their 2006-2007 fiscal year, beginning retroactively in July and ending next June. It also includes a "me, too" clause, guaranteeing that if the district ratifies a contract with the teachers' union for more than a five percent increase in teachers' total compensation, the contract with "classified" staff will match that raise.

Yesterday, the teachers union's representatives continued to meet with negotiators for Washington Unified, in a session held at Margaret McDowell Manor on Merkley Avenue. The News-Ledger contacted Washington Teachers Association President Regina Jarrott-Briggs, a teacher at Golden State Middle School, yesterday for comment.



Teachers picket for a new contract -- a familiar sight in recent weeks
(photo courtesy of River City High School yearbook staff)

Jarrott-Briggs said she did not have free time for an interview, but arranged for a statement to be emailed to the newspaper from fellow teacher Terry Luttrell.

The statement said that the union still hopes for a "fair settlement."

"We feel the children of West Sacramento deserve the best education possible from the most qualified and experienced teachers available," it continued. "WUSD must improve the salary schedule to compete and prevent teachers from leaving. WTA is grateful to the community for its support during these difficult times."

Negotiations have taken place in private, but the rising cost of health care – and who should pay for it – has been one sticking point in public comments about the negotiations.

Schools superintendent Steven Lawrence told the News-Ledger last week that the district had earlier offered the union a raise of 5.1 percent, but that offer was rejected.

The union has promised a major picketing effort before tomorrow's school board meeting, with up to 500 picketers protesting in their light green WTA shirts, if a deal is not reached. Picketing teachers have been a regular sight in West Sacramento in recent weeks.

The board meets in closed session at 6 p.m. and in public session at 7 p.m. Thursday at city hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Stuff to recycle

From Beth Gabor
County of Yolo

The Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) is pleased to announce the expansion of their free recycling program to accommodate large rigid plastics and electronic waste (e-waste). Large rigid plastics being accepted for free at the landfill include: plastic buckets, bins, flower pots, ice chests, toys and plastic furniture. Additionally, the e-waste recycling program has been expanded to include many more electronic devices. E-waste items now accepted for free at the Yolo County Central Landfill include:

Blenders
Cell phones
Coffee makers
Compact Disk (CD) Players
Computers and computer accessories
Copiers
Digital scales
Digital Video Disk (DVD) players
Digital Video Recorders (DVR's)
Electric toothbrushes
Irons
Machinery and tools with electric motors
Music players (MP3, Ipod, etc.)
Other small hand held electronics
Personal Digital Assistant (PDA)
Printers
Radios
Scanners
Speakers
Stereos
Telephones
Toasters
Vacuum cleaners
Video and Still Cameras
Video cassette recorders (VCR's)
Video game machines (PS, XBOX, etc)
Other e-waste items (call for approval first)

"We are pleased to offer these expanded programs at the Yolo County Central Landfill," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairman Frank Sieferman, Jr. "It is important for our customers to have more recycling opportunities which, in turn, minimizes our impact on the environment and maximizes the life of the landfill."

The Yolo County Central Landfill is located at 44090 County Road 28H and is open for business Monday through Saturday, 6:30am-4:00pm and Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm, excluding the following holidays: New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. For more information on Yolo County Division of Integrated Waste Management programs please see: www.yolocounty.org/recycle or call (530) 666-8729.

Local racer: making a name, 1/4-mile at a time

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's Terry "Bud" Anderson II got off the starting line of his new career as an auto racer in good position. The 22-year old was named "Co-Rookie of the Year" and finished ninth among about 20 drivers in point totals in the mini-stock division at All American Speedway. Anderson actually edged out the other "co-rookie of the year" by two points, but the race officials felt that was just "too close to call."

"I've always liked cars," Anderson told the News-Ledger. "My father (Jeff Jones) and I have always been involved in racing. He started when he was 15, working in the pits, and it kind of rubbed off on me. My dad introduced me to one of his longtime friends (a driver) and I started working on his car in the pits. I did that for three years, from 2001 to 2004, and last year we purchased a race car."

Anderson's pit work was for drivers Wayne Martin and Buck Williams, in the "modified" division.

This year, Anderson himself started behind the wheel in the "mini stock" division – a category designed to be financially easy on newcomers.



'Bud' Anderson, West Sacramento resident and auto parts store manager, with his 'mini-stock' racing car

"Our type of car costs probably about $2,000," he said, referring his vehicle with its Nissan 200SX body. "Mini-stocks are a fairly entry-level class, not as expensive as the 'modified' class. It's for people like me who don't want to break their bank account."

How does one of these cars compare to a standard passenger vehicle?

"It's got four wheels, an engine and a driver," answered Anderson. "Everything else is different. It's got a complete roll cage, specialized tires, and runs on special gas."

Anderson is unmarried (but engaged) and works as manager of Napa Auto Parts in West Sacramento. His family moved to West Sacramento's Southport area about five years ago. He's a graduate of El Camino High School. He counts among his racing sponsors such companies as Total Monitoring Services, Abacus Designworks and Consumer Protection Products of Sacramento, and Performance Racing Development, All Phase Security and Les Schwab Tires of West Sacramento. He also gets support from parents Jeff and Gaylene Jones of West Sacramento, and grandparents Joe and Alma Rains.

Even with a fairly inexpensive vehicle, money is needed.

"I got into an accident midseason, and we had to replace the two front fenders and we had to go to a junkyard to replace it – you get what you can out of the junkyard," Anderson commented.

The course at All American Speedway in Roseville is a tight quarter-mile (soon to be made a NASCAR-sanctioned 1/3 mile) consisting of straightaways and left turns. The track is comparable to a high school athletic track in size.

"Our races are about 30 laps on a quarter mile," Anderson explained. "We have a 'heat' race of eight to ten laps, then you have a 'trophy dash' for the two heat winners, and then the main event which is 30 laps. On last year's track, I believe average speeds were around 60 miles per hour."

Taking the turns successfully is a big part of the sport.

"Your motor can only take

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Guest comments:

Can you help?

From the Elderly Nutrition Program
Yolo County

Did you know that a hot lunch is served to 74 senior citizens (many of whom are low income) in West Sacramento each day? 48 of those are frail, homebound seniors who receive meals, delivered by volunteers, to their doorstep. For many, this is the only balanced nutritious meal and the only visitor they receive each day.

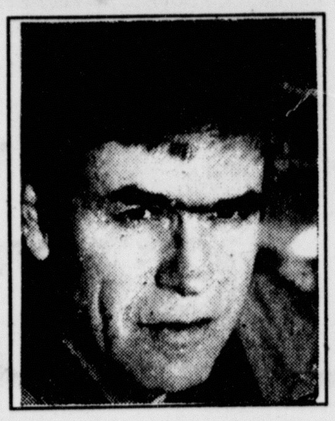
The Elderly Nutrition Program in Yolo County is in need of volunteers to deliver meals and to help serve meals at the Senior Center. In order to do this, we are looking for local **organizations/groups** or companies to "adopt a delivery route" and/or for **individuals** to offer their time.

Volunteers are needed at the Senior Center to set up, serve and clean up for a daily lunchtime meal in a friendly atmosphere, as your time allows, Monday through Friday, between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm.

Volunteers are also needed one time a week, two times a month or as your schedule will allow for Meals on Wheels delivery. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday (except holidays) between 10:45 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. For more information on volunteering, call Patty Hickey at the West Sacramento Senior Center-(916) 373-5805.

A tale of Santa, & some definitions & humor

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

Have you ever noticed that as you get older, your children have much better memories about conversations you once had with them than you yourself do? Maybe it's just another one of those yucky signs of aging, but here's a recent case in point:

I was sitting around the other evening chatting with my 30-year old daughter and our conversation somehow turned to Santa Claus.

"Do you know anything about the actual history of Santa Claus?" she asked me. "I mean, when did everyone start believing in a Santa Claus?"

"Well," I explained, "as I understand it -- and I could be completely wrong about this -- there was once a saint named Saint Nicholas who lived in Europe way back in the fourth or fifth century and he was well-known for his love and charity for the poor. One of the legends about him is that he knew three unwed daughters of an impoverished nobleman who couldn't get married because their father couldn't afford to provide them with dowries, so one cold December night old Saint Nicholas climbed up on the roof of the house of the three young maidens and somehow managed to drop gold coins down the chimney into their stockings, which were hanging on the fireplace, so they could afford to get married. And that was supposedly the very first Santa Claus to put gifts into stockings at Christmas time."

"That's a really nice story," said my daughter.

"You know," I recalled, "you sure were a big fan of Santa Claus when you were young. In fact, I think you were always the first one out of bed to see what Santa had left you on Christmas morning."

"I know," she said. "And do you remember how crushed I was when you finally told me that Mom was actually Santa Claus?"

"Not really," I admitted, my memory no longer what it once was.

"But how can you not remember that?" she asked me with surprise. "It was only one of the worst days in my entire life!"

"Really?"

"I can't believe you don't remember how you broke the news to me?"

"Sorry."

"Well, all the other kids on the block had already figured it out, but I was 12 before you sat me down for a talk about the birds and the bees, and then when that horrible news was finally over, you added -- `By the way, since we're having this nice little grown-up talk, I think you should also know that there is no Santa Claus."

"I actually said that?" I asked my daughter, trying not to laugh.

"You certainly did," exclaimed my daughter, "and although I took the birds and bees thing pretty well, I cried all night about there being no Santa Claus!"

Words women use:

"FINE": This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and the man in their life needs to shut up.

"FIVE MINUTES": If she is getting dressed, this means half an hour. Five minutes actually means five minutes, however, if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.

"NOTHING": This word is the calm before the storm. It actually means "something" and you should be on your toes when you hear it. Oh, and arguments that begin with "nothing" usually end up with "fine."

"GO AHEAD": This is a dare, not permission. Don't do it!

"LOUD SIGH": This is not actually a word, but a nonverbal statement often misunderstood by men. A "loud sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing there arguing with you over "nothing".

"THAT'S OKAY": This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can make to a man. "That's okay" means that she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder:

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others approximately your own age and thinking to yourself, "Surely, I can't look that old?" If so, you probably need to read this:

A lady was sitting in the waiting room for her first appointment with a new dentist. While looking around the office, she noticed a DDS diploma which had the full name of her new dentist on it, and then she suddenly remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same exact name who had been in her high school class some 40-odd years ago. "Could he possibly be the very same guy I had that secret crush on way back then?" she mumbled to herself.

Upon actually seeing him, however, she quickly discarded any such thought. He was a balding, over-weight, gray-haired man with a deeply lined face who was way too old to have ever been the young boy she had had such a crush on way back in high school. But just to be absolutely sure, after he had examined her teeth, she decided to ask him if he had ever attended Morgan Park High School.

"Well, yes I did," he gleamed with pride. "I'm a proud Mustang!"

"When did you graduate?" She asked with concern.

"In 1959," he answered. "Why do you ask?"

"Well," she answered reluctantly, "I think I may have known you back then."

The dentist then looked more closely at his new patient, smiled warmly and asked, "So, what classes did you teach?"

'ACROSS THE BRIDGE'

Events around the region

Sacto historical society meets

The Sacramento County Historical Society will meet on December 19th at 7 p.m. at 551 Sequoia Pacific Boulevard (off Richards & I-5) in Sacramento. Dolph Gotelli (Father Christmas) will present a multi-media talk on rituals and traditions dating from the Victoria ear. For more information call 264-7072.

"White Christmas"

A new stage adaptation of the classic film "White Christmas" will be presented this holiday season at the Community Center Theater in downtown Sacramento beginning December 27th. Based on a 1954 movie musical starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye, the play includes numerous songs written by Irving Berlin. For specific show times and ticket information call 264-5181.

Latino cultural celebration

Danzon, a community celebration of Latin American art, dance and music will be held on December 17th from 4:30-8 p.m. at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street (27th and J) in Sacramento. The goal is to promote the importance of physical activity, socialization and an intergenerational appreciation for the rich traditions of Latino culture, dance and music. The event is free and open to the public and also features traditional foods. For more information call 264-7324.

Older Women's League meets

Joyce Miller of West Sacramento will be sworn in December 16th as president of the Sacramento Capitol Chapter, Older Women's League, at its annual holiday party at the Hart Senior Center. The party will be preceded by a short business meeting. There will also be a pot luck luncheon, drawing for presents and an address by Ted Robinson, a former Naval officer who served with John Kennedy in WWII.

For more information call 422-6915.

New Crocker Art Museum exhibit

The California Gallery at the Crocker Art Museum was recently installed in the way the Crocker family originally hung their collection, allowing visitors to experience a Victorian-era museum. More than 150 paintings are now displayed "salon style" in the California Gallery, enabling visitors to experience more of the Crocker's permanent collection.

The Crocker Art Museum is located at 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday. For more information call 264-5423 or visit crockerartmuseum.org.

SCC music recital

The Sacramento City College Music Department will present its Fall Applied Music Recital on December 14th at noon in the SCC Little Theatre, Room 6A. SCC is located at 3835 Freeport Boulevard in Sacramento. Participants in the recital are SCC music students. Admission is free. For more information call 558-2515.

Sacred African tribal objects

Sacramento State's University Library Gallery's newest exhibit will be presenting authentic African tribal masks and figurines beginning December 1st. The exhibit will feature tribal masks and figures that were useful to the tribes in a time without science, technology and modern medicine. Several African cultures will be represented. Sacramento State University is located at 6000 J Street in Sacramento. For more information call 278-6156.

Rose pruning clinics

The Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, located at Broadway and 10th Street in Sacramento, will present a rose pruning clinc in their Historic Rose Garden from 10-11 a.m. on December 16th. Enter the main gate and learn why pruning roses is important and how pruning should be done. Both heritage roses and modern roses will be dis-

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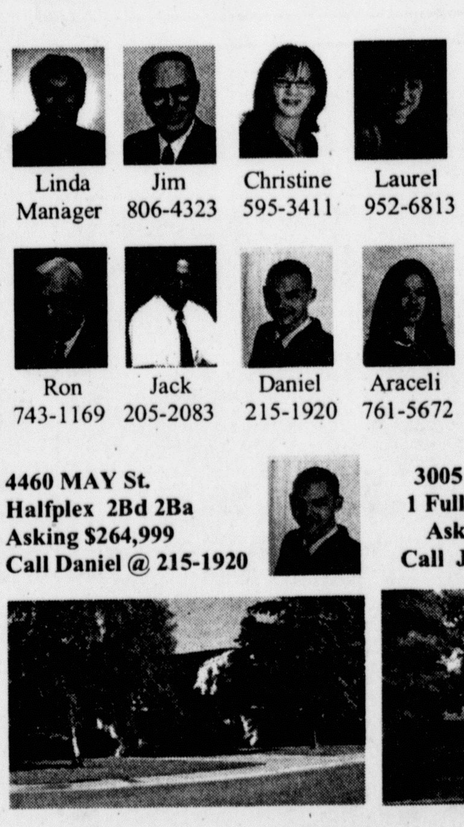
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New books at the library

By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
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West Sacramento

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"Five Good Minutes in the Evening: 100 Mindful Practices to Help You Unwind from the Day & make the Most of Your Night" by Jeffrey Brantley, M.D.

"Augustus: The Life of Rome's First Emperor." by Anthony Everitt.

"Sixty Things To Do When You Turn Sixty: 60 Experts on the Subject of Turning 60" edited by Ronnie Sellers.

"Manspace: A Primal Guide to Marking Your Territory" by Sam Martin.

"Six Frigates: The Epic History of the Founding of the U.S. Navy" by Ian W. Toll.

Call 375-6465 for information and library hours.

SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa



The City of West Sacramento was in the world sporting news again when Oleg Maskaev retained his Heavyweight World Boxing Council title in Moscow, Russia. The New River City resident scored a late knockdown to win a unanimous decision on Sunday night before a partisan crowd of more that 10,000 at Moscow's Olympiysky Sports Arena.

Maskaev (34-5), who won the WBC title on August 12th with a 12th round knockout of two-time champion Hasim Rahman, won a lopsided decision over Peter Okhello of Uganda.

The 37-year old Maskaev, who was born in Kazakhstan, has lived in the United States for 10 years and is a U. S. and Russian citizen. It was the first title defense for Maskaev since he moved to West Sacramento with his wife and four daughters. Look for the newly transplanted West Sac. resident to defend his title in Sacramento, possibly at the Arco Arena in the spring of 2007.

Kings Korner

The Kings (9-10) snapped their five game losing streak on Sunday night with a win over the hapless Atlanta Hawks but with a quarter of the season behind them team chemistry has become a big question.

Trade rumors are rumbling again with Allen Iverson demanding a trade from Philly. The Kings are rumored to be interested in the NBA's scoring leader but who would the Maloof's send to the Sixers? Mike Bibby has an early termination clause in his contract that would allow him to become a free agent next year despite 2-years left on his $12.5 contract. Iverson earns $18.2 million per season and still has 3 years left on this $59 million contract. Minnesota, Boston and Denver are also rumored to be in the hunt for IA.

Kings are not passing the ball around on offense and defensively they are allowing too many easy lay-ups so the big question is which players will the Kings throw in to complete the Iverson deal? Can you say Kenny Thomas and Jason Hart!

This week the Kings will have another tough week with a game in Oakland on Tuesday followed by a quick stop in Utah (6 p.m.-CSN) on Friday night before their return home the following night to host the Suns (7 p.m.-CSN).

NFL week 15

The 49ers (5-8) playoff hopes died with their 30-19 loss a home to Green Bay but Frank Gore continues his quest to lead NFL in rushing with another 130 yards against the Packers. The Packers stopped Gore in the second half to force Alex Smith to pass and the young gun couldn't get it done throwing two interceptions in crucial moments.

The Raiders (2-11) lost again this time in Cincinnati 27-10 to the red hot Bengals but it was the same old story. The offense didn't show up while the defensive side forced four turnovers. Only the Detroit Lions (2-11) stand in the way of the Raiders quest for the NFL's first draft pick.

This week the Niners (+9 ½) play in Seattle on Thursday night (NFL network channel) while the Raiders (+3 ½) will be at home (1 p.m.-FOX) entertaining the St. Louis Rams.

Aztecs Picks

Aztec came out of week 14 losing with the Colts and Niners but his "Lick of the Week" with the Chargers (-7 ½) and Da Bears romp over the Rams gave him a 2-2 record for the week and pushed his season total to 31-26-1.

This week the Dawg's "Lick of the Week" is the Packers (-5) over the Lions while in Minnesota, the Vikings (-3) will keep there playoff hopes alive against the Jets and New England (-11) will handle the Texans. On Monday night the Bengals (+3 ½) will hold their own against the Colts.

Diamond Notes

Major league baseball revenues have gone up 11 percent each of the past five years because of new television contract worth $3 billion. The league also generated more than $300 from their Internet holdings, which gives each team a $10 million bonus to spend.

The Chicago Cubs are on a spending spree especially after signing free agent Alfonso Soriano to an eight year, $136 million contract and third base Aramis Ramirez to five-year, $75 million deal.

The Giants dipped into their wallet and finally signed Barry Bonds to a 1-year $16 million contract with incentives that can net him around $20 million while the A's gave Mike Piazza $8.5 for one year.

Cage Fight

"Holiday Beating" a Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event invades the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, December 16th featuring 12 full contact cage fights. Fights start a 7 p.m. and tickets can be purchase by calling (916) 264-5181 or on line at tickets.com.

Enjoy your day- see ya next week!

RACER from p. 1

you so far. You have to have the right setup. Your setup will probably consist of your 'camber,' your 'toe' and your 'crossweight."

He explained that the camber and toe were designed slant the wheels to help the racing car grip the road on those banking left turns, and the crossweight was also designed to put the car's weight over the proper wheels for those turns. A driver wants a lot of the weight towards the left front wheel. And he may reduce tire pressure to help the tires grip the track and avoid slipping.

Where does Anderson hope to be "down the road," so to speak?

"In five years, realistically I hope to be driving a modified or light modified, and run for the Whelen All American Championship," he answered. "It's the lower level of NASCAR."

The next season begins again in April, but there remains work to be done on the car.

"We are currently working on the car right now – I just dropped the carburetor off with the carb guy."



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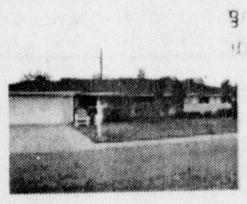
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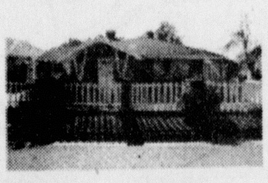
1. Name the last major-league team before Kansas City in 2004-06 to have three consecutive 100-loss seasons.
2. Which pitcher holds the mark for most home runs allowed in a career?
3. Name the three former Tampa Bay Buccaneer quarterbacks who went on to start and win a Super Bowl with another team.
4. Who was the last men's basketball head coach to win an NCAA title while making his first appearance as a head coach in the Final Four?
5. Who was the last player before Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin in 2006 to score in his first three NHL games?
6. Name the winning country of either the men's or women's curling event at the 2002 Winter Olympics.
7. Who was the youngest LPGA golfer to win four majors?

Answers on Page 4

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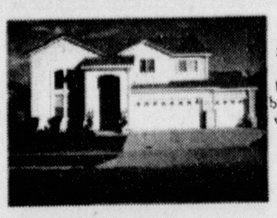
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POLICE LOG

Editor's Note: The West Sacramento Police Department has changed its policies regarding media access to police information. Because of those changes, the News-Ledger no longer has reliable access to all reports of police-involved incidents. We can't consistently review reports of those incidents that haven't resulted in an arrest, such as unsolved car thefts, vehicle burglaries, home burglaries, assaults or other crimes in which a suspect is not arrested. So we can't currently give you as much information about what is going on in your neighborhood and your city as we would like.

The News-Ledger is working with the department to fix this access problem. In the meantime, we will continue bringing you information from a sampling of the department's arrest reports.

Dec. 4, 9:40 a.m.

A 46-year old Southport man was arrested for slashing all four tires of his West Sacramento ex-girlfriend's car – and for kicking dents into the car and defacing it with obscene comments written with a "permanent" ink marker.

Dec. 5, 1:36 a.m.

A 19-year old West Sacramento man and a 23-year old Sacramento man were arrested after an officer pulled their car over near Reed Avenue and Ikea Court because the car had a "false" rear license plate. The car turned out to have been stolen.

Dec. 6, 5:41 p.m.

An Evergreen Avenue business reported that a 41-year old Stockton man had in the past presented a fictitious order from "clients" and then picked up auto parts goods on those "clients'" account. The local company had absorbed a loss. The Stockton man was arrested, though, after trying it again.

Dec. 7, 10:35 a.m.

In the "state street" area near Jefferson and Park boulevards, police assisted personnel from Child Protective Services in trying to take two children into legally-ordered protective custody. The kids' 37-year old mother resisted and obstructed that effort, and was jailed.

Dec. 7, 6:19 p.m.

A 47-year old man was arrested for assault after an incident on Evergreen Avenue. The suspect and victim were in a dating relationship.

Dec. 8, 2:47 a.m.

An officer stopped a car that had false registration tags near I-80 and Reed Avenue. A warrant check showed that the driver was a "parolee at large" who had a suspended license. The suspect also threw a sunglasses case out the window, and the case was found to contain a syringe, glass pipe, 3.7 grams of marijuana and 4.8 grams of methamphetamine. The man was arrested.

Dec. 8, 1:30 p.m.

A police officer investigated a "possible stolen car" near a market on Lisbon Street. A 23-year old man was contacted and gave a false immigration document. He was found to have a local arrest warrant. The Beardsley Drive man was arrested.

Dec. 9, 1:16 a.m.

A 35-year old Southport woman was arrested for assault in a domestic dispute incident.

Dec. 1:56 a.m.

A caller reported a naked man running down the street near Anna and Hardy. An officer contacted a 39-year old Sacramento man who admitted having had six or seven drinks during a Christmas party. The man was deemed "unable to care for himself" and arrested.

Dec. 9, 8:08 a.m.

A victim signed a citizen's arrest against a 24-year old Sacramento woman, after the woman was found in possession of the victim's credit/debit card and admitted having used it for over $450 in purchases.

Dec. 10, 2:55 a.m.

An officer contacted a 32-year old Madrone Street man at a hotel on the 1400-block of West Capitol. The man was found in possession of methamphetamines and a drug pipe, and was determined to be "wanted." He was taken into custody.

Dec. 10, 6:41 p.m.

Police responded to a 5th Street disturbance. A 36-year old woman was combative with officers and showed signs of intoxication. She also had an arrest warrant, and was booked.

WUSD: swear in new board members, grant staff pay raise, pay $450k in new architects' fees

The school board of the Washington Unified School District will meet Thursday in public session at 7 p.m. following a closed session.

The public session will include the ceremonial "swearing in" of new school board members (Sandra Vargas and Matt Stegman) as well as election of the board's new president and vice president. The board will also discuss its meeting schedule, and whether to adjust the compensation of board members, currently set at $240 per month (plus health benefits for members who choose to receive them).

The board will also be asked to ratify a contract for an interim superintendent of Business Services, clarify the details of when fingerprints and a criminal background check are needed for volunteers, and approve an additional $448,562 for architectural services for the new high school due to design changes requested by the district.

The district will also be asked to ratify a labor agreement with the school districts union of staff members. The new contract calls for a five percent total compensation increase for the 2006-2007 year, with a further raise to match any raise of more than that amount ratified for the teachers' union.

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cussed. For more information call 448-0811.

Antique bicycles

"Cycle through History: Bikes, Trails & People" will be the featured exhibit at the Folsom History Museum opening October 28th and continuing through January 7, 2007. Antique bicycles will be featured and the exhibit will also cover the history of the American River Bike Trail, extending from Sacramento to Folsom.

The Folsom History Museum is located at 823 Sutter Street in Folsom. For more information about their exhibits call 985-2707.

Wildlife tour

The Stone Lake National Wildlife Refuge will have "Trail Days" on December 23rd, beginning at 7:30 a.m. A free docent guided walk will begin at 9 a.m. from the trail head. To reach the refuge trail head, take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit, turn west, and park; the refuge trail head is adjacent to the highway.

The 3-mile hike leads you to the wildlife viewing platform, overlooking seasonal wetlands. Dress appropriately and bring binoculars. For more information call 775-4420.

Down syndrome

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance Education Series features programs on the first Tuesday of each month with the hope of improving the knowledge of individuals and families affected by Down syndrome. Experts in education, advocacy, health care, etc., make presentations and a free light dinner and childcare is provided. The Down Syndrome Information Alliance meets at the Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L Street in Sacramento. For more information, call 658-1686 or visit www.downsyndromeinfo.org.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in December at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

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Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.

—Carl Jung

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Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

Books

Dr. Perricone's Seven Secrets to Beauty, Health and Longevity: The Miracle of Cellular Rejuvenation
by Nicholas Perricone, M.D.
(Ballantine Books, $25.95)
Reviewed by Larry Cox

A fascinating new book suggests that we can rejuvenate and rebuild our brain, bones, muscles and skin on a cellular level. Dr. Perricone, a board-certified clinical and research dermatologist and anti-aging guru extraordinaire, reveals an innovative program he believes can help all of us achieve a healthier, happier life.

Grounded in cutting-edge science, Perricone reveals a seven-step program based on new breakthroughs in the field of cellular rejuvenation. It all begins by eating the right foods. By doing so, we not only protect and rejuvenate aging cells, we ensure normal cellular growth, and, perhaps, even prevent most cancers from developing in the first place.

Losing weight and keeping it off is especially important since it helps reprogram our genetic code so that our bodies can stop both the storage of excess fat and the loss of youthful muscle mass. By choosing the right calcium sources, we can promote new bone growth while preventing the breakdown of existing bone tissue.

Even the facial structure can be rejuvenated by consuming the right proteins. As Dr. Perricone points out, it's not wrinkles and lines that give older faces an aged appearance, but rather muscles that droop and sag. Proteins can combat that sag and even diminish soft, doughy facial skin.

A good sex life is also important. We can stay young, he claims, if we have a robust sex life since it improves our ability to sleep, increases our general fitness and contributes to our overall psychological health. A healthy sex life also cures many of the wrinkles in an older face.

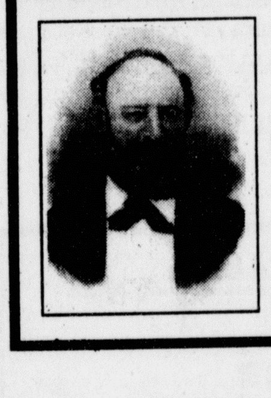
Exercise and controlling mental and physical stress are also critical to maintaining a long, healthy, happy life, according to the author.

Books reviewed in this column are available online or at your local bookstore.

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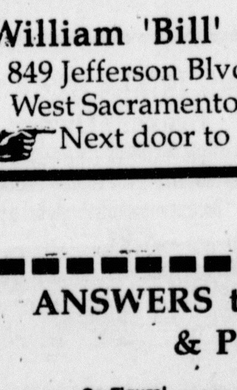
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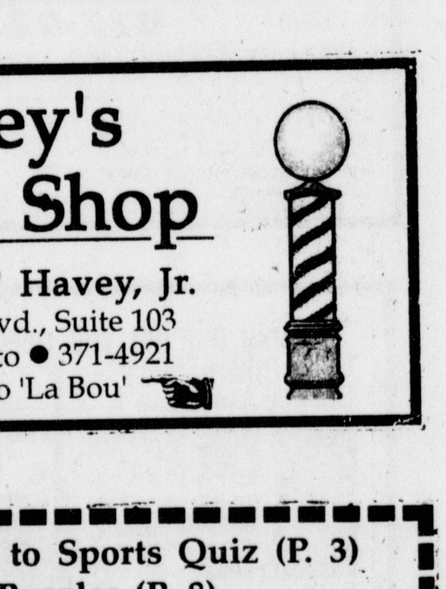
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Answers

1. The Toronto Blue Jays in 1977-79.
2. Hall of Fame member Robin Roberts served up 505 homers during his 19-year career.
3. Trent Dilfer (Baltimore), Doug Williams (Washington) and Steve Young (San Francisco).
4. Jim Calhoun of UConn in 1999.
5. Jan Caloun of the San Jose Sharks in 1995-96.
6. Norway won the men's gold; Great Britain took the women's gold.
7. Se Ri Pak was 24 when she achieved the mark in 2002.

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Tips for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

From the West Sacramento Police Department

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holiday as much as everyone else, but chiefly because it's an opportune time for crime. Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season:

If you're shopping:

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoiding carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Ladies – do not leave purses unattended in shopping carts.

If you're traveling:

- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.
- Ask a family member or neighbor to watch your home and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Contact the Police Department to request a Vacation House Check.
- Get an automatic timer for your lights.

If you're out for the evening:

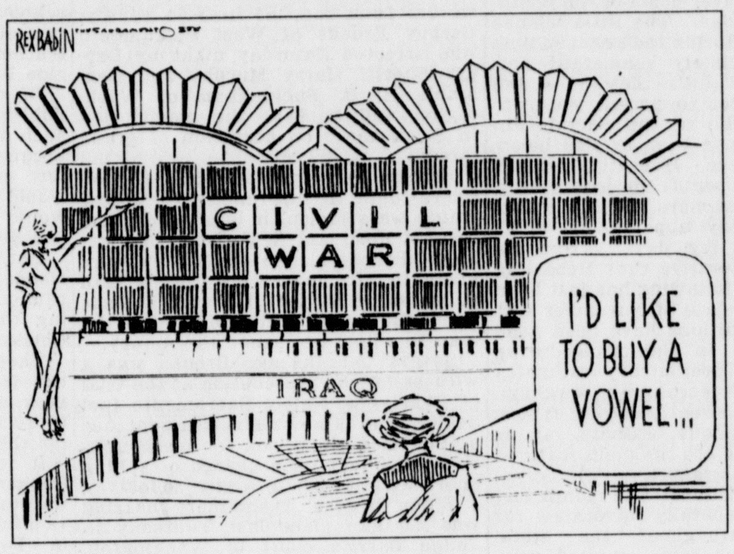
- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.
- During the holiday months, people travel more than ever. Wearing a seat belt is the easiest and best way to prevent injury in a motor vehicle collision.

If you're attending a party:

- Adult partygoers should establish a designated driver.
- If you are the host of a holiday gathering, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving and always serve food with alcohol.

Last but not least, don't let holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors. Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody – except criminals.



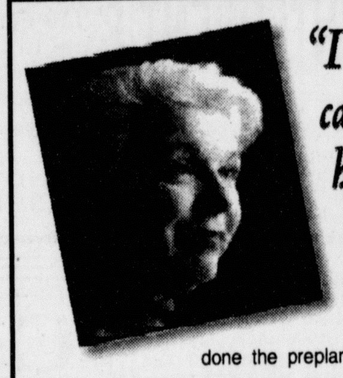


BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Matthew in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. According to the prophet Isaiah, what shall be upon the shoulder of Jesus? *Children, Firewood, Urns, Government*
3. How many languages appeared on the writing, "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews" that hung on the cross? *1, 2, 3, 4*
4. Which is the native Christian church of Egypt? *Anglican, Gakkai, Coptic, Talmud*
5. What was the name of Ruth's first husband? *Alton, Naaman, Peter, Mahlon*
6. From Revelation 1:3, "Blessed is he that ..."? *Complains, Speaketh, Readeth, Sleeps*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Government; 3) 3; 4) Coptic; 5) Mahlon; 6) Readeth



"I assumed they'd take care of my husband. I had no idea how well they'd take care of me."

Ed's death wasn't unexpected. But it was still hard on all of us. Fortunately, Ed had done the preplanning so all the important arrangements were already taken care of. But what surprised me was how much support and attention the funeral home gave me. They reassured me when I had questions, listened to me when I had something to say, and left me alone when I needed time alone. I can't say it was easy. I can't imagine it ever is. But I believe it was as easy as it could be. And for that I'm grateful.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a flair for seeing things as you'd like them to be, as well as a gift for turning your perceptions into reality.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Dec. 19, 1732,** Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia first publishes "Poor Richard's Almanack." The book, filled with proverbs preaching industry and prudence, was published continuously for 25 years and became one of the most popular publications in colonial America, selling an average of 10,000 copies a year.

• On **Dec. 18, 1865,** following its ratification by the requisite three-quarters of the states earlier in the month, the 13th Amendment, banning slavery, is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution.

• On **Dec. 20, 1892,** Charles and Frank Duryea's third automobile was the first to use pneumatic tires. Before the pneumatic tire, wheels were often made of solid rubber. This made travel a bumpy experience, as the streets of 1892 were made of dirt or cobblestone.

• On **Dec. 21, 1937,** the Lincoln Tunnel was officially opened to traffic, allowing motorists to drive between New Jersey and Manhattan beneath the Hudson River.

• On **Dec. 22, 1949,** Australian twin brothers Robin and Maurice Gibb are born. Together with their brother Barry, they later formed the Bee Gees (for "Brothers Gibb"). After adding a drummer and bassist, the group began racking up such hits as "To Love Somebody" (1967) and "I've Got to Get a Message to You" (1968).

• On **Dec. 24, 1953,** "Dragnet" becomes the first network series with a regular sponsor when Fatima cigarettes signs on to back the show. The program was one of the first dramatic series in a medium that had been dominated to that point by anthology shows.

• On **Dec. 23, 1968,** the crew and captain of the U.S. intelligence-gathering ship USS Pueblo are released after 11 months imprisonment by the government of North Korea. The ship, and its 83-man crew, was seized by North Korean warships on Jan. 23 and charged with intruding into North Korean waters. Both captain and crew were horribly treated and later recounted their torture at the hands of the North Koreans.

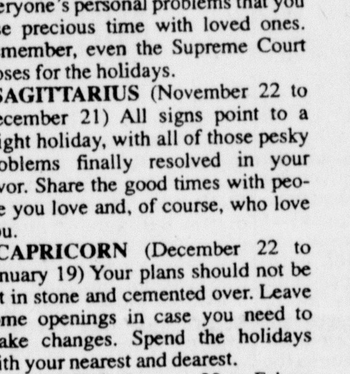
Jill Jackson's HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD ... The bells are ringing, the tinsel's tingling, the town's abuzz with Christmas cheer, although it's still quite warm out here. ... Other news is all Oscar and Golden Globes. The push is on with two shoo-ins: **Helen Mirren** for "The Queen" and **Meryl Streep** for "The Devil Wears Prada." If I were handing out the prizes, I would give one to each.

Lindsay Lohan got a nice Christmas present with a role in "I Know Who Killed Me," about a young woman who is rescued after being abducted and tortured by a serial killer. When she returns home, she claims to be someone else. This raises the question of post-traumatic stress syndrome or something more sinister. At the moment I can't tell you anything about her private life, except she is still doing the nightclubs and disliking **Paris — Hilton,** that is.

Kim Basinger's next is "While She Was Out," a thriller about a suburban housewife who heads toward a mall on Christmas Eve but ends up in a forest fighting for her life against a group of hooligans. In real life, the lady has had tumultuous experiences with husband **Alec Baldwin** fighting over their daughter, Ireland; battled bouts of agoraphobia (an anxiety disorder); bought the town of Braselton, Ga., for $20 million in 1989; tried a singing career under the name of Chelsea; worked as a model; was involved with Prince before Alec; and won an Oscar for Best Actress in "L.A. Confidential" in 1997.

Just as the newest James Bond, **Daniel Craig,** made his appearance on screen in "Casino Royale," New Line Pics announced that a former 007, **Pierce Brosnan,** would star in a comedy titled "Spy vs. Stu." This about a commitment-phobe who plans to propose to his girlfriend when they vacation on an island. Unbeknownst to Stu, a debonair spy is at the other end of the island having just finished saving the world. The handsome spy spots the gorgeous girl and takes a serious liking to her, and Stu must then compete with the handsome, debonair spy. Pierce Brosnan being that person. I understand it took a year for New Line to convince Brosnan to take the role. So, happily we'll be seeing him once again as a spy — handsome debonair and all that. ... I don't know about you, but **Sean Connery** was my favorite 007.



Kim Basinger

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BITS 'N' PIECES: There is other news besides Santa and his yearly visit — **Lindsay Lohan's** overdose, **Katie Couric's** ratings, and still big talk about **O.J.'s** book. AND if I have to read or hear any more about **"TomKat"** and their million-dollar wedding, I'm going into another profession. ... Rumors round that **Sean Penn** had a fling with **Sienna Miller,** causing the breakup with **Jude Law.** But who knows, by the time you read this that rumor could be squelched. It hasn't seemed to bother Sean's **Robin Wright.** ... Difficult for folks like "thee and me" to comprehend, but many of the stars are buying up designer purses for $3,000 and more. ... **Sharon Stone's** adopted son Roan, aged 6, and Laird, 1 1/2, are two of the most beautiful little blond boys you will ever see. ... To Barbara H. of Cape Coral, Fla. Yes, the new 007 has been married. To **Fiona Loudon,** a British actress, for four years. Since the divorce he's never tied the knot again, but he is said to have had romps with Sienna Miller, **Angelina Jolie, Kate Moss,** and other less-known names. ... And, to all of you out there, Happy Holidays!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: When did Armistice Day become Veterans Day?
2. CARTOONS: What was the last name of Little Orphan Annie's foster father?
3. NICKNAMES: What is nickname of Princeton University's sports teams?
4. TELEVISION: Where did Police Chief Robert Ironside work?
5. MUSIC: Who performed the 1970s hit "Car Wash"?
6. WORLD WAR II: Which U.S. aircraft carrier was sunk during the Battle of Midway?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How did Aristotle Onassis earn his fortune?
8. OPERA: Who wrote the opera "Norma"?
9. POLITICS: Where is the famous Watergate building?
10. LITERATURE: What kind of literature does the novelist Avi write, primarily?

Answers

1. 1954
2. Warbucks
3. Tigers
4. San Francisco
5. Rose Royce
6. The USS Yorktown
7. Shipping
8. Vincenzo Bellini
9. Washington, D.C.
10. Children's books

News-Ledger Directory *of* Local Places *of* Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m.	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St., 371-8804 10 a.m. Worship/Sunday School Friendly, inclusive faith language, Progressive thealogy/theology LGBT, Interfaith folks welcome	**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church** 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father Jos. Karikattil, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. No Mass on Thursday
Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Praise & worship 10:45 a.m. Junior church for all ages at 11 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** Frank Hightower, Elder 519-5329 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. 372-6570
Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 9am: Family-Friendly Contemporary Service 11am: Blended Traditional & Contemporary Service	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Pastor Giancarlo Mittempergher Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Don Parker Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 1350 Halyard Dr., W. Sac. 372-7818 www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**New Discovery Christian Church** Now meeting at Elkhorn Village Elementary School, 750 Cummins Way, West Sac. at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784
Horizon Christian Fellowship Rev. Claude J Perez, Sr., Pastor 1800 Manzanita Way, 371-3458 SUN Worship 9:30 & 11 am SUN Worship & Prayer 6pm WED Bible Study 7pm THURS Youth Group 7pm 1st & 3rd FRI Singles 7pm 2nd FRI Women's Fellowship 7pm	**Radiant Life Church of West Sacramento** 3605 Gregory Ave (in Southport, where Jefferson, Davis & Gregory meet) Worship Sun. 10 a.m. Youth Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Call 371-6706	*Is your worship center listed here? Call 371-8030 to find out how to list your place of worship.*

PAGE FROM THE PAST

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

The Sacramento river registered seven feet six inches, U. S. gauge, at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday. This is a better showing than has been reported since early last spring. A peculiar thing, too, has happened in the bed of the river north of the Southern Pacific bridge. The little islands that grew hay during the summer time are now completely submerged and the little sand hills that were dug up by a dredger to permit water to enter the intake of the Sacramento water works have been leveled below the water surface. Honestly, the Sacramento river begins to look like a real stream once more, but it has that same old muddy appearance, which will last for a few days. From the California Cooperative Crop Reporting ing service the following has just been received under date of November 1st:

Climatic conditions have been good for agriculture in California during October. The preliminary estimates of production for corn, grain, sorghum, white potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, pears, figs, almonds, walnuts, raisins and wine grapes are the main features embodied in this report.

Weather conditions: The month just passed was generally favorable for agriculture throughout the state. There was some rain, confined principally to the northern part of the state, which eventually checked danger from forest fires. The rice harvest and bean threshing were delayed to some extent by the rains, but no serious damage seems to have resulted. Fruit harvest, with the exception of cleaning up the grape crop, has been completed. The rainfall, especially in the northern part of the state, accompanied by warm weather, brought on a good growth of grass in some localities, improving pasturage for livestock. Rains have also been beneficial in placing the soil in condition for plowing and grain seeding, which has progressed rapidly during the latter part of the month.

The condition of table grapes on November 1 was estimated to be 70 per cent of a normal—an improvement of 7 points compared with a month ago. A forecast of production, based on the present condition, indicates a crop of 300,000 tons of grapes of strictly table varieties produced on 104,000 acres. The 1924 bearing acreage of table grapes was 25 per cent greater than the bearing acreage of 1923. Shipments of all classes of grapes up to November 8 totaled approximately 53,000 cars, compared with the total movement in 1923 of 55,269 cars.

The total production of grapes of wine varieties is estimated to 350,000 tons produced on 127,000 acres. This indicates an average yield of 5,500 pounds per acre. Last year 428,000 tons were harvested from 121,000 acres. The 1924 season was generally favorable. Although the crop was below that of last year, the quality was good and the grapes ripened earlier than usual, which made possible an early harvest. The tonnage used locally in the manufacture of juices, etc., is less than that of 1923.

Information received from special inquiries and investigations indicates an average yield of 1200 pounds of dried raisins per acre. On the basis of 297,000 acres in bearing, the total production of dried raisins amounts to approximately 180,000 tons, which is much less than the crop produced last year. The tonnage of grapes of raisin varieties shipped this year is estimated to be about 180,000 tons, fresh basis, which is approximately 50,000 tons above the amount disposed of in this manner a year ago. The quality of raisins is very good.

Summing up the production of all three classes of grapes, the 1924 California grape crop will probably amount to 1,550,000 tons on a fresh basis.

McNally & Partridge, owners of the West Sacramento Auto Camp near the subway at the foot of Fifth street, report that business is good and, in fact, increasing, especially since the election on November 4. McNally, who is a good deal of a financier, claims to have noted a marked improvement in the tone of the travelers who pass his service station and of his customers who remain over night in his camp. Although an old-time Democrat, McNally is full of smiles these days with the feeling that the Bolshevik idea was snowed under.

Every house in the West Sacramento Auto Camp is occupied, according to Joe Pereira, and his principal trouble is that he does not have enough accommodations to take care of those seeking quarters. As Joe puts it, "It ain't going to rain no more, no more" for the auto owner who has a good top on his car and who can find a place to camp in a dry spot over night. Joe says it seems as if all the world was on wheels and instead of a decrease for the winter period there is an increase.

Mrs. Esther Newton has improved greatly during the past week in a Sacramento hospital and is now on the road to recovery. Probably she will be brought to her home in Washington next Monday or Tuesday completely recovered.

No meeting of the Boosters' Club was held last Tuesday evening because it was Armistice Day and there was a demonstration of the Masonic faternities in Sacramento that drew several of the officers of the club. The regular meeting of the Boosters' Club will be held next Tuesday evening as usual.

Last Monday afternoon at a road camp established on Margaret street, between Second and Third streets, a Mexican died a victim of the white plague. He had arrived with his wife in an automobile from Los Angeles on Sunday, November 9, and becoming seriously sick no relief was possible with the advanced stage of the disease from which he was suffering.

An appeal was made to Constable Buckingham, who notified Coroner Wilson, who took charge of the remains, conveying them to Woodland for burial. Owing to the fact that the family had just come from Los Angeles, residents of the neighborhood feared that the man died of the pneumonia plague and as a precautionary measure children of the neighborhood were kept out of school for a period of two days.

Following an inquest by Coroner Wilson and the finding that death came through tuberculosis, apprehension was relieved on the part of parents and residents of the neighborhood. The family were entire strangers in Washington and the wife of the Mexican has already moved to Woodland where the funeral took place last Wednesday. In the family treasury no funds were found and relief was advanced by the county authorities as well as other charitable organizations and people.

Miss Helen Dassonville is gradually recovering from a severe spell of sickness from which she has been suffering for several days. Yesterday her brother, Jack Dassonville, was taken suddenly ill and was forced to return from his work. He is now confined to his home under the attention of his physician.

A FEATURE OF THE ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 4 NOT NOTED BY A GREAT MANY PEOPLE OF THIS DISTRICT MIGHT BE CALLED TO MIND TO THE GREAT ADVANTAGE OF SUPERVISOR H. B. BUCKINGHAM. IN THE TWO VOTING PRECINCTS OF NORTH AND SOUTH WASHINGTON BUCKINGHAM RECEIVED MORE VOTES THAN ALL THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES COMBINED. THIS IS A TRIBUTE TO HIS POPULARITY AND INDICATES HOW HARD IT WAS FOR ANY MAN TO BEAT HIM IN THOSE TWO PRECINCTS.

Miss Eleanor Holmes is confined to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Holmes, by illness.

Mrs. Eamer Edenson and family, who have been visiting with Mr and Mrs. H. Garber of this district for several days, returned to their Oakland home. Mrs. Garber is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Edenson. Herman Garber acompanied the Edensons to Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cameron left Wednesday for San Francisco, where they will attend a ceremonial of the Shriners' lodge.

Fred Gussman spent Tuesday in Woodland on a business trip.

Mrs. Henry Jasper was a visitor in Washington Saturday night.

After spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Crow, David Crow returned to Vina.

BROOKS DISCHARGED ACCOUNT OF LACK OF EVIDENCE

Accused of the theft of two electric motors from ranches in Yolo county, Barney Brooks of West Sacramento was arrested Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff Harry Murphy and Constable H. B. Buckingham of Washington and held at the county jail in Sacramento on suspicion of grand larceny.

Brooks was arrested when the officers found at his ranch two motors which were stolen, it is alleged, from Manuel Rose and E. C. Zacharids last July. Brooks claims the motors were given to him for security by a man to whom he loaned $100. He did not know the name or the address of the man to whom he loaned the money.

Several months ago Brooks was a witness for the prosecution at the trial of Charles S. Ralph, Sacramento fuel dealer, who is now serving a sentence at San Quentin prison for his conviction by a jury on a charge of selling short weight coal to a city school.

When Brooks' preliminary hearing was to take place last Thursday in Judge Barry's court in Washington, District Attorney George T. Kern failed to prosecute because of the impossibility of reaching a conviction, owing to lack of evidence.

RAINFALL TO DATE IS 3.69 INCHES ABOVE NORMAL

The storm which swept over Northern California Saturday and Sunday brought the total rainfall for the year in this section up to 3.69 inches. N. R. Taylor, meterologist in charge of the Sacramento branch of the federal weather bureau, said this brings the season's total to 1.86 inches above the seasonal normal.

Taylor added that all rivers in the Sacramento watershed have reached a normal stage for the first time in more than a year.

The week-end storm melted most of the snow in the mountains, only about three inches being left.

WHY NOT HOLD THE TEACHERS INSTITUTE DURING VACATION?

Last week the pupils of the public schools of Yolo County had a vacation of three days because the county teachers institute was holding a session in Esparto.

Of course, all the children of the public schools were delighted because such a thing as the teachers institute became the means of giving them a few days' vacation. Any child who would not rejoice at this opportunity would be considered, and should be considered, abnormal.

But there are many parents who wonder why it is that the teachers cannot hold their institute either during the midsummer vacation or the Christmas vacation.

Those parents claim that there are too few school days in the school year anyway, only 172, and out of those 172 days the teachers take three for their institute.

It is not exactly so bad in Yolo County as it is in Sacramento where the teachers draw pay even during vacation periods. This is not the case in Yolo County and the teachers might be entitled to hold institute during the school period.

But if the teachers are so deeply imbued with the benefit the pupils obtain during school hours, why is it that the teachers institute is held during school period?

DEATH HAS CLAIMED ALBERT E. JAMES AFTER VARIED CAREER

In his boathouse, alone, with no ministering hand to ease the pain of death and with no tender care to help relieve the pain, Albert E. James, better known as "Jitney" James, died some time last Wednesday, his remains being found about 6 p. m. Wednesday evening when Frank De Riso, Jr., called to give him a little attention such as he had been accustomed to do for many months past.

On Tuesday, November 4, James insisted on going to the polls to vote for Henry Buckingham. That was practically the last real effort of his life, for since that time he has been confined to his bed anticipating the visit of the Grim Reaper and thoroughly resigned to give up his soul from the body that was racked with pain, distress and sickness for a long time.

James had been a resident of Washington during the past twenty-six years. To a great extent he was a recluse, never associating with women but sometimes taking some poor derelict into his boathouse in an offer of shelter.

Lately James has been practically blind. He knew the path so well, however, from his boathouse to the postoffice and to Sacramento that he easily found his way and when in distress everybotly tendered him a helping hand.

He was sixty-two years of age, was a naturalized citizen of the United States, was born in Australia and had no relatives in this locality so far as is known at the present time.

About a month ago he was arrested by federal officers for selling intoxicating liquors. About six months ago he was also arrested by Yolo County officers for selling intoxicating liquors, but owing to his condition Judge Harrison of Woodland dismissed the case against him and he escaped without a fine.

It was only by selling intoxicating liquors that "Jitney" James could make an existence and he continued to do so during the past two or three years.

James was a member of the Eagles, which organization will, no doubt, take care of his funeral and provide him with decent burial.

A will was found in the boathouse where "Jitney" James made his home. The will bequeathed all his worldly possessions to Frank De Riso, Jr., except his watch and chain which he bequeathed to Supervisor Henry Buckingham.

A bank book was found showing that he had made deposits in the Bank of Italy in the amount of $570 and some few dollars in ready cash were found in his clothes when his remains were discovered.

James' career was surely a varied one. During many years he made a living by fishing and hunting or until his sight became so poor he could not follow that means of earning a livelihood. He was not the most law-abiding citizen in the country but he was simply a natural man born on the plains and accustomed to hustle to meet the demands of existence.

His funeral will be held Saturday in Woodland.

In the will found following his demise, H. B. Buckingham was named as administrator.

COMPLAINT FILED BY RIVER TRANSPORTATION LINE

The Sacramento Navigation company, operating boats on the Sacramento river, has filed a complaint with the railroad commission against N. Fay & Sons, charging the latter with having placed in effect a schedule of rates between points on the Sacramento and Sycamore and Sacramento Port Cos-

CONDITION OF HENRY LEINBERGER IS CONSIDERED VERY SERIOUS

Still confined to his bed, Henry Leinberger Sr. seems to be gradually approaching the gate that leads to the Great Beyond and, although the vitality that preserved him during ninety-four years is still strong, he is gradually losing ground, not in a physical way so much as in his mental faculties.

During several days of the past week the old gentleman has been delirious and is under the constant care of two nurses and a physician. At times he is hard to control, but members of his immediate family are so solicitous of him that he lacks for nothing and is kept constantly advised of the condition of the business over which he worries so much and over which he supervised for so many years.

Mr. Leinberger passed his ninety-fourth year and until the time he was taken sick with a sore leg, a few weeks ago, was able to be around, attending to the duties that called him in the supervision of the local slaughter house.

His friends and neighbors are hoping for the best and want to see him around again in the near future.

SCHOOL TEACHERS GIVE JEWEL TO SUPERINTENDENT

Woodland, Nov. 8.—Miss Harriet S. Lee, county superintendent of schools, was honored this afternoon at the closing of the Yolo County teachers institute, which has been held so successfully this week in the Esparto union high school.

With contributions given by the teachers, Principal H. A. Sawyer of Esparto purchased a gorgeous diamond and sapphire brooch, set in platinum. Mrs. A. G. Proctor of the Woodland high school, made the presentation speech.

Miss Lee was so affected that she could barely find words to express her appreciation.

Members of the city and county district schools are united in praising Miss Lee for the efficient manner in which she conducts the affairs of her office.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Joe Barber to L. H. Todhunter. $140. Lots 3 and 4 of block 20 of Riverbank Subdivision.

Louis Hall et ux to N. J. Gyeason. $10. Lot 5 in block 20 of Riverbank Subdivision.

Cash Paid For False Teeth, platinum, discarded jewelry and old gold. Hoke Smelting & Refining Co., Otsego, Michigan.

6% Loans Under Reserve System on city or farm property. Reserve Deposit Company, 72 Fourth Street, Portland, Ore.

EMANUEL HENDRICKSEN
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
307 Capital National Bank Bldg.
Main 351

SUBWAY CROSSING TO BE BUILT NEAR WASHINGTON

Permission has been granted by the state railroad commission to the California state highway commission to construct a crossing under the tracks of the Sacramento Northern railroad in Washington township.

Of the cost of the undergrade crossing 75 per cent will be borne by the state highway commission and 25 per cent by the Sacramento Northern railroad. The entire cost of paving will also be borne by the highway commission.

DUCK HUNTERS GET READY!

November 20th the **BLUE GOOSE GUN CLUB GROUNDS** will be thrown open under the protection and management of "Juggy" Newton and "Hotcakes" Mathena.

The grounds are located within thirty minutes ride of Washington and were formerly known as the Old Elkhorn Gun Club Grounds.

The management of the club guarantee a good shoot and to those who know how to handle a gun they guarantee the limit.

Arrangements should be made by calling "JUGGY" or "HOTCAKES" at 1346-J, WASHINGTON.

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Healthy scrutiny needs to become a habit

A proposal from school district offices to hire the mother of the superintendent for a $25,000 consulting contract has stalled, after the issue drew scrutiny both locally and in the Sacramento daily newspaper. On November 9, the proposal came to the school board but was then "tabled" in order to give staff time to find out if it would "break any laws." It was supposed to be back for a school board vote tomorrow. But, following an outcry, it won't be – the issue has been "pulled" for the foreseeable future.

This certainly was not a grade-A scandal. There was no attempt to by the superintendent or staff to deceive the public about the relationship between the proposed vendor and the district's boss. The hiring itself was supposed to occur in public, after the consultant already provided some free services as a sample of her wares.

And some of the heat generated by this little scandal can be linked directly to the contract negotiations going on between the district's unions and management – the unions took advantage of this issue to make political hay.

The no-bid contract was, though, an error in judgment – and one that calls for lessons to be learned. Some of those lessons:

Good stewardship of public money means more than avoiding "breaking any laws"; it also means avoiding even the appearance of impropriety. That wasn't done in this case. Regardless of her qualifications and (no-doubt) sincere motives, can anyone be certain that the superintendent's mother would have been on the same path to a no-bid contract at Washington Unified were she not the superintendent's close relative? In other words, can anyone be certain that there were no factors other than the district's need for her services, and her own merits, that put this vendor in this position?

WUSD has, under previous administrations, racked up a miserable record of improper business relationships, including poorly-administered consulting contracts and conflicts of interest between staff and the district's (prior) legal firm. Slipshod management styles turned into disaster and distraction. No one can even guess how much money has slipped through the cracks unnecessarily.

If the school district truly needs a consultant's services, then it should ask the board to authorize a public bidding process for those services, and then let different companies compete. WUSD has tried using shortcuts before. They worked poorly for everyone but those lucky consultants with an inside track to district staff.

This last controversy didn't rate a very high number on the Richter scale used for earthquakes. But it was worrisome because it hinted that things haven't changed as much as they need to. It's time for a WUSD attitude adjustment when dealing with money.

The tone is set at the top: the school board and superintendent need to exercise a conservative approach both to ethics and to spending. Maybe that would make a good New Year's resolution.

Letters to the Editor

Mayor's influence on school district

Now that the election is over, and the dust has, for the moment settled, it is time for the new school board to address the most central concern of an educational system, education. So much attention has been paid to the development of a "state of the art" structure for our future high school students, that the actual providers of education have been forgotten. Why on earth are we so concerned with egregiously expensive facilities, and not at all concerned with even a parity salary for the educators themselves? Fancy facilities do not educate our youth, teachers do. It is long past time to pay our teachers decent salaries. The current emphasis on facilities won't produce anything but an echoing empty shell.

I would like to offer a possible explanation. The expensive sports venue/theater design of the new school, taken in the context of cooperation with the city, most benefits our mayor. This man has no stake in West Sacramento save as a stepping-stone to future political aspirations. He has co-opted the high school plans for yet another unearned feather in his dubious cap. No doubt he will manage to get his face in the paper again, as he has done in the past, taking credit for actions he did not actually participate in, accomplishments he did not achieve, and progress that does not exist, at the expense of the decent hard-working citizens of a town he only inhabits sufficient to the reaching of his personal goals. His support of particular candidates for school board is, for me, a proper basis for this conclusion.

It is high time we learn the lesson of Elk Grove, and perhaps we'll turn over the current regimes, city council and school board, in another election. Function should inform decisions, not self-interest. This holds true for both the city and for the schools.

ROXANNE B. DE KONING
West Sacramento

Fair compensation for local teachers

Natomas Unified School District compensation for teachers is better than WUSD in more ways than what is listed on the basic salary charts of the two districts. While WUSD Superintendent Steven Lawrence told the *News-Ledger* during his recent interview that Natomas has more students per teacher, he conveniently failed to mention that anytime there are more than 36 students in a Natomas high school class or a student load over 162 per teacher, Natomas Unified pays the teacher $3 per day, per student, to compensate the teacher for the extra work involved in dealing with so many students. This can add up to hundreds or even thousands of dollars extra for the teacher during high enrollment periods. The Natomas cap is a fair system that compensates teachers for the extra work until administration lowers class size and balances work load. WUSD teachers receive zero extra compensation for overcrowded classrooms.

Natomas Unified honors teachers who have earned a master's degree by adding 3% to their salary. On a $50,000 to $60,000 teacher's salary this is an additional $1,500 to $1,800 compensation per year. WUSD pays an insulting $400 per year for earning a master's degree and that amount has not been increased by the district for at least 12 years.

Natomas has smartly paid COLA (cost of living adjustment) every single year, not allowing their district to fall behind like WUSD. This explains why their top teacher salary is nearly $12,000 high than the top salary in WUSD. The medical benefits are more generous, too. In order to avoid a contentious work environment, Natomas has already taken the initial steps to settle their contract for the 2007-2008 school year, another smart move to keep teachers, attract teachers from other districts, and bring out the best in employees.

These are just a few of the lessons from Natomas Unified that Lawrence and the WUSD school board could learn from. WUSD should examine the multiple ways teachers have been shortchanged in this district. Since the superintendent has a math background, a doctorate, and more than enough administrators to assist him, I bet he could do the comparability study himself by ditching the consultants and saving the district a bundle.

RONICA CARLISLE
Teacher, River City High School

WUSD teachers need a contract

I have been a volunteer at Evergreen Elementary School for seven years. During that time I have developed a very special relationship with many of the teachers and staff. I have seen many good teachers come and go. I have also seen teachers leave only to return later. It is disheartening to see the turmoil these teachers are going through having to work without a contract, thereby not knowing what the future holds for them. Something needs to be done.

Our teachers deserve and have earned a

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 14 2006
File No. 2006-1078

The following person is doing business as Covell Cleaners, 1340 E Covell #109, Davis CA 95616:

WJ Inc., 1843 Trinity Way, W Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/14/06.

/s/Jung H Suh

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by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

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The following person is doing business as la maison de sante, 710 M Street, Davis CA 95616:

Michon Henderson, same address.

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/s/Michon Henderson

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 06-16668 Doc ID #0001201683272005N Title Order No. 3080297 Investor/Insurer No. 1700301028 APN No. 046-615-12-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/04/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that ReconTrust Company, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ZAKIA YASIN, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, AND RABIA ALAM, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, dated 10/04/2005 and recorded 11/01/05, as Instrument No. 2005-0054634-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 12/20/2006 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2480 GENOVA STREET UNIT #1, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $274,866.03. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 11/26/2006 ReconTrust Company, N.A. 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SVW-88 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By: Trustee's Sale Officer ReconTrust Company, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 802860 11/29/2006, 12/06/2006, 12/13/2006

Food Ideas

(NAPS)—The Louisiana Seafood Board suggests serving only local, high-quality shrimp. Chefs say it has a more delicate flavor. For tips on selecting shrimp, click on Recipes at www.LouisianaSeafood.com.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 10, 2006
File No. 2006-763

The following person is doing business as Monticello Bistro, 5A Main Street, Winters CA:

Rhonda J. Gruska and Anthony P. Gruska, 2163 Bella Casa St., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5 Aug 06.

/s/Rhonda J. Gruska
/s/Anthony P. Gruska

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Aug 10, 2006
by: /s/Josie Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 10, 2006
File No. 2006-762

The following person is doing business as Tastebuds Catering, 421 D St., Davis CA 95616:

Rhonda J. Gruska and Anthony P. Gruska, 2163 Bella Casa St. Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/08/01.

/s/Anthony P. Gruska

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 2, 2006
File No. 2006-1051

The following person is doing business as J&J Entertainment, 701 Sunset Avenue, West Sacramento CA 95605:

James L. Niccolson, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/02/06.

/s/James L. Niccolson
/s/Jacqueline M. Hensley

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov 2, 2006
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 15 2006
File No. 2006-1086

The following person is doing business as Bentonite Plus, 35606 Acadia Lane, Davis CA 95616:

Charles B. Weller, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov 15, 2006.

/s/Charles B. Weller

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov 15 2006
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2006-1075
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Foresters Financial Insurance Services, 28005 North Smyth Drive, Suite 103, Santa Clarita, CA 91355
Registrant(s) name and address:
Foresters Financial Partners, Inc., 28005 North Smyth Drive, Suite 103, Santa Clarita, CA 91355
This business is conducted by a corporation
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ Ira Lynn Gottshall, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/14/2006
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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NEWS-LEDGER

Stocking Stuffer Books

Don't Get Scrooged

(NAPS)—While the holidays can bring out the worst in people, there are a few ways to keep yourself from getting Scrooged. The first tip is to read "Don't Get Scrooged," a festive handbook on how to avoid, appease and even win over the Scrooges who haunt your holidays year after year.

Written by Richard Carlson, author of the best-selling "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff," this book offers practical and entertaining solutions to the problems of Scrooges, whatever form they take—whether they're bad drivers, rude salesclerks, grumpy bosses or stubborn in-laws.

Here are three of Carlson's



tips to survive last-minute gift shopping, awkward family reunions, the office Christmas party and noisy neighbors:

1. Ban worry from your holidays. You'll be making room for much nicer things—like the pleasure of the moment—when you do.
2. Reclaim your time. Prune away situations and Scrooges that are unpleasant. You don't have to go to Aunt Bessie's party every year. Savor the traditions you love.
3. Dodge the oddballs. Modify your routine to steer clear of scroogey situations. A little avoidance can go a long way during the holidays!

Arm yourself for battle against bad behavior and experience a happier holiday season. The book is available everywhere books are sold.

For more information, visit www.dontgetscrooged.com.

BOOK NOTES

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If hectic days make it hard to pull together a family meal, "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Recipes for Busy Moms" (HCI Books, $19.95) offers easy and delicious recipes from Mr. Food plus inspirational *Chicken Soup* stories. Visit www.hcibooks.com or local bookstores.

PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Mama's Boyz

by Jerry Craft



Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps

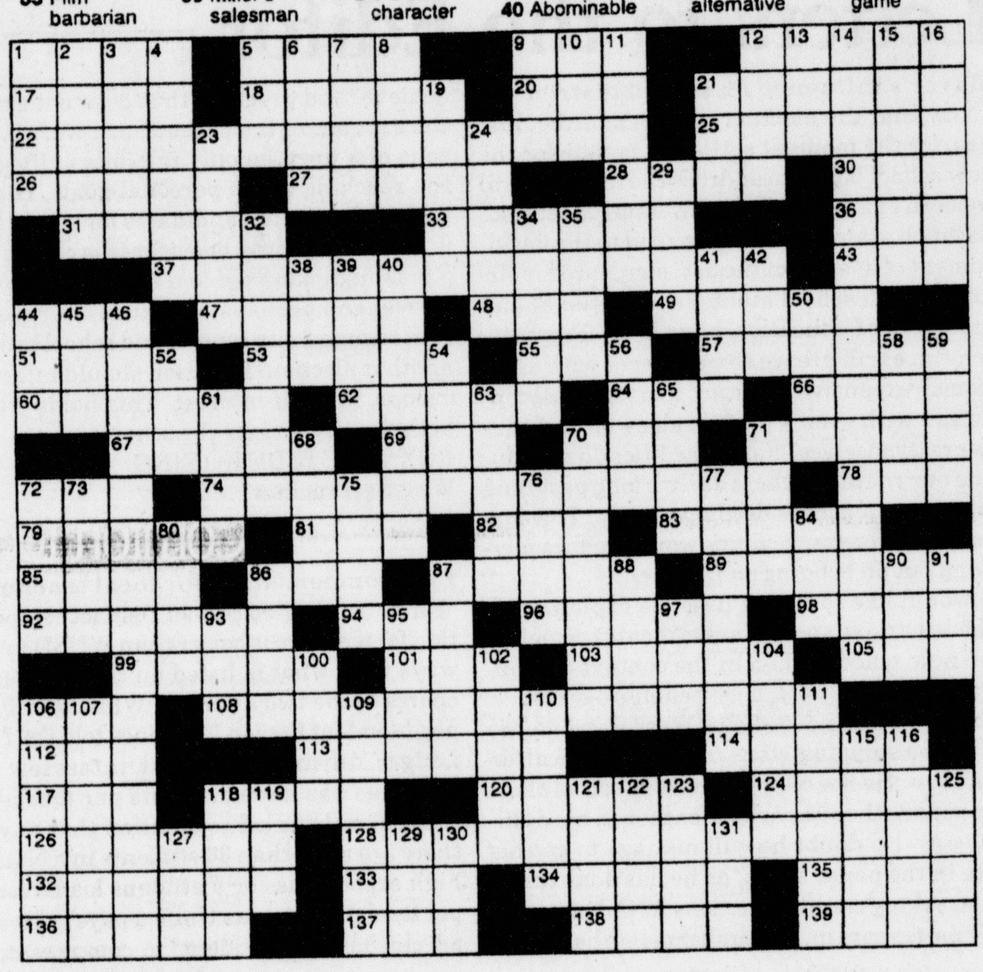




Super Crossword — HUMORISTS

ACROSS
1 Pollutant
5 Next in line
9 Viola part
12 Irish playwright
17 Strong — ox
18 Extremely hot
20 Prospector's prize
21 Breakfast food
22 Humorous TV host?
25 Shadowy site?
26 Half a joint
27 Math relationship
28 Without
30 "— Blue?" ('29 song)
31 Not as common
33 More promising
36 Fled
37 Humorous Senator?
43 — de France
44 Mil. rank
47 Steakhouse order
48 Observe
49 Medical word form
51 Mighty mite
53 Film barbarian
55 Where to find an incus
57 Tropical rodent
60 Pina —
62 Willow tree
64 Genesis vessel
66 Russian ruler
67 Feudal figure
69 Explosive initials
70 Dam org.
71 Defer
72 Hog heaven?
74 Humorous pirate?
78 Antiquity, archaically
79 Bug-to-be
81 Trigger-happy guy?
82 Payable
83 Rope material
85 — vera
86 Shady character?
87 Rock's Tears for —
89 A Muse
92 Turned soft
94 Architect's add-on
96 Center of attraction
98 It holds plenty!
99 Miller's salesman
101 — de Cologne
103 Hot spot?
105 Coral reef
106 "I Am —" (2001 film)
108 Humorous Pilgrim?
112 In favor of
113 New Hampshire city
114 Intense
117 Item in a lock
118 Seasons firewood
120 Win by —
124 Milo of "Ulysses"
126 Dull
128 Humorous actress?
132 Barrymore or Richie
133 Altar answer
134 Do a mechanic's job
135 "Mila 18" author
136 Actress Dominique
137 Savor the sauerbraten
138 Approximately
139 Hammer part

DOWN
1 Fiction's antithesis
2 9 Down character
3 — Loa
4 Repeat performance
5 Producer Prince
6 Celebrity hairstylist Jose
7 Hawkeye State
8 Crowd-burst?
9 Eerie author
10 Bungle
11 Old Faithful, e.g.
12 Certain steeds
13 Before, to Byron
14 Humorous poet?
15 Gorilla or groundhog
16 Novelist Gordimer
19 Chateau valley
21 Marsh
23 Prepared to propose
24 Plunders
29 Graceland name
32 Chest part
34 Like chiffon
35 Notion
38 San Diego attraction
39 Part of A.D.
40 Abominable
41 Plumbing problem
42 Oaf
44 Singer Davis
45 From — Z
46 Humorous jazzman?
50 Composer Nino
52 Actress Zetterling
54 Foch or Simone
56 Sitarist Shankar
58 "— Paul" ('59 hit)
59 Enraged
61 — vu
63 Practice piece
65 "Phooey!"
68 Scruggs or Butz
70 Actress Saldana
71 TV host John
72 Bridge term
73 Biggest part of a fish?
75 Alaskan port
76 Magellan discovery
77 Fairy queen
80 Apt anagram of "vote"
84 Contented sigh
86 Gouda alternative
87 Instant
88 Read quickly
90 Tax shelter
91 Some
93 German spa
95 Tun throwaways
97 Bossy's chew
100 Workday start
102 Routine
104 English course?
106 Bobbins
107 Asian peninsula
109 Dog star?
110 Roberts or Tucker
111 Keep secret
115 Yonder
116 A la King?
118 Sailing
119 Salon supply
121 Christiania, today
122 Tend the sauce
123 Units of work
125 Org.
127 Sturm — Drang
129 — Bell Wells
130 Destiny
131 Kids' card game



Answers to Puzzles Page 4

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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	+		x		28
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	x		–		21
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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6			3			2		5
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

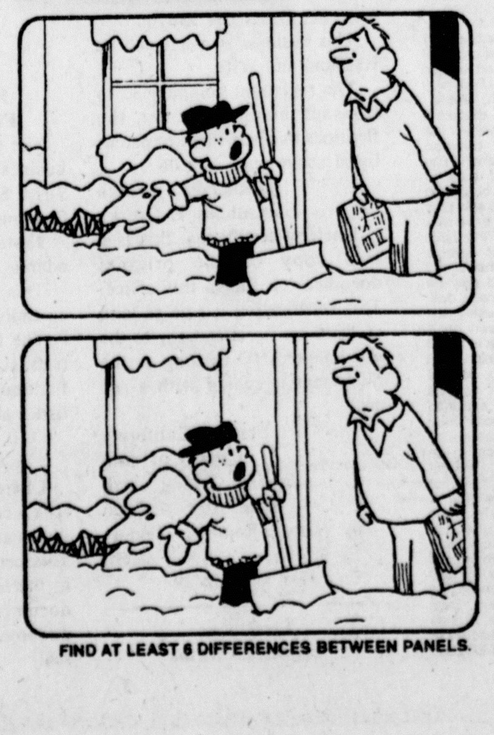
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

MAGIC MAZE ● — FIELD

O L I E B Y V G A R O L I F C
Z W T Q N K I N T F R C Z W U
R P M J H E W I H C E C Z X U
E S Q N D L H L L I T J G E C
Z L X M I N E L E T N V T R P
N L E J H F A I T E E E C A Y
W V T C T B T K I N C R P N L
K I G E T C H N C G B R Z X W
U S R O P R G R O A M L O J I
G E O D B L I O A M R Y X F W
U F T S Q P R C S R E T T O P

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Athletic
Ball
Corn
Electric
Football
Force
Killing
Left
Magnetic
Mine
Oil
Potter's
Right
Track and
Wheat

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.NA Smith

"Deck the Halls"

Running time: 95 minutes
MPAA rating: PG

The first thought that will go through your head while watching "Deck the Halls" is, "Since they can't refund the 90 minutes of my life I wasted, can I at least get my money back?"

The second thought will be, "Haven't I seen this movie before?"

The answer to both should be "Yes."

"Deck the Halls" is a lame, sorry rehash of the same kind of mediocre Christmas "comedies" that have spewed out of Hollywood the past few seasons, whether it be "Christmas With the Kranks," "Surviving Christmas," any of those horrible Tim Allen "Clause" disasters ... you name it.

And with the director of "Big Mama's House 2" at the helm, you know this movie is gonna be so bad that instead of going direct-to-video, it should go direct-to-landfill.

If you've seen any of the previews on TV, you already know the cookie-cutter plot: Matt Broderick is the King of Christmas in his town. He's Christmas Crazy. So obsessed, in fact, that he neglects his two children.

Of course we all know that by the end of the film, Wacky Daddy will learn a mawkish lesson on the "Importance of Family."

Moving into the house next door is Danny DeVito, a short, loud guy with a Napoleon complex, a wife too hot for a man like him to get in real life, twin hottie daughters and an almost baroque scheme to one-up Broderick's character by creating a Christmas display that can be seen from



Danny De Vito, Matt Broderick

orbiting spacecraft.

Alleged high jinks ensue. Camels spit. Pratfalls aplenty.

Chuck in a disturbing scene where the Two Dads mistakenly ogle a couple of girls at a church pageant only to realize it's their daughters, and they run out to wash their eyes in holy water. Accidental Fantasy Incest. Yeah, that's Comedy Gold there.

Honestly, don't waste your time.

"Deck" is Dreck.

Grade: F

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Good Housekeeping

Hot Mulled Wine

PREP: 10 minutes
COOK: 20 minutes
MAKES: about 8 cups or 16 servings

- *2 cups sugar*
- *1 medium orange, thinly sliced*
- *2 small lemon, thinly sliced*
- *3 cinnamon sticks (3 inches each)*
- *8 whole cloves*
- *1 bottle (750 milliliters) dry red wine*
- *1 small orange, studded with cloves and thinly sliced*

1. In nonreactive 4-quart saucepan, combine sugar, orange slices, lemon slices, cinnamon sticks, cloves and 1 cup water; heat to boiling over high heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Reduce heat to medium and cook 3 minutes.

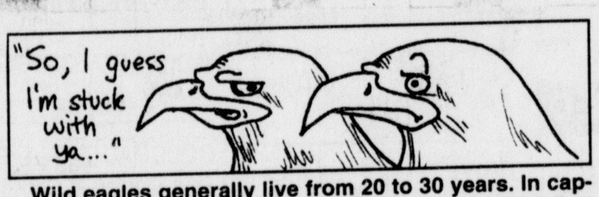
2. Add wine to saucepan and heat, stirring, until hot (do not boil). Add clove-studded orange slices. Serve hot.

• Each serving wine: About 130 calories, 0g protein, 27g carbohydrate, 0g total fat, 0g fiber, 0mg cholesterol, 5mg sodium.

Hot Mulled Cider: Prepare Hot Mulled Wine as above except delete water and use 2 tablespoons brown sugar in place of 2 cups granulated sugar. Add 1/2 gallon apple cider in step 1 and delete wine in step 2.

• Each serving cider: About 140 calories, 0g protein, 36g carbohydrate, 0g total fat, 0g fiber, 0mg cholesterol, 5mg sodium.

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Wild eagles generally live from 20 to 30 years. In captivity, eagles may live 50 years or more. Young eagles first breed when they are about four years old and keep the same mates for life.

The shellac that protects furniture is made from lac, a sticky substance that insects secrete. These insects gather by the hundreds and thousands on soapberry and acacia trees in Burma and India. The word *lac* or *lakh* means hundred thousand in Persian and Hindu.

celebrity extra

by cindy elavsky

Q. I would like to know what happened to Joyce DeWitt and Richard Kline of "Three's Company." — *Jamie L., West Baden Springs, Ind.*

A. Joyce DeWitt, 57, most famous for her role as Janet Wood on the popular late-'70s/early-'80s sitcom, all but disappeared after the show ended. She revealed that she was disheartened by the "disrespectful treatment" she received from the producers of "Three's Company," and so she decided she had had enough of the Hollywood scene.

Although she and Suzanne Somers ("Chrissy") reportedly still do not speak to one another after Somers' famous salary-negotiation fallout, DeWitt became lifelong friends with Somers' replacement, Priscilla Barnes. She has done a few TV roles here and there, and she most recently appeared on the 2005 TV Land Awards in a skit called "Desperate Classic Housewives."

Richard Kline ("Larry Dallas"), 62, has been a Hollywood mainstay since "Three's Company." He has been featured in numerous TV shows, including: "Hotel," "Murder, She Wrote," "Simon & Simon," "The Bold and The Beautiful," "Step By Step" (where he was reunited with Somers), "Gilmore Girls" and "ER." He just completed the feature film "Scattering Mother."

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Q. Could you please tell me what has happened to "Crossing Jordan"? It was supposed to begin its new season, but I haven't seen any information on it. — *Carolyn B., Greenville, S.C.*

A. Jill Hennessy and the rest of the "Crossing Jordan" cast members are rumored to be slated for a return to Sunday nights beginning in January 2007. As of this writing, an exact airdate had not been announced.



Jill Hennessy

"Jordan" was originally supposed to begin this past fall, however, NBC decided to bump it back in favor of Bob Saget's new game show "1 vs. 100."

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Q. I absolutely love Betty White's character on "Boston Legal." Will we see more of her this season? — *Anon., via e-mail*

A. White, who portrays calculating murderess Catherine Piper on the ABC legal drama, told me that the producers have informed her that there will be a few more scripts coming her way this season. White is keeping her fingers crossed for a return because, she says, "it's just wonderful (on the set of "Boston Legal"). They are all such delightful people." In the meantime, White has been keeping herself busy portraying Stephanie Forrester's mother on the daytime drama "The Bold and The Beautiful" for a limited 10-day story-line arc.

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Have a question for Cindy? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

Serve This Side With Holiday Ham

What would your holiday ham be without a sweet potato side dish? Here's one with great flavor without all the fats and sugars.

SWEET POTATOES WITH RAISIN-NUT SAUCE

- *1 (17-ounce) can vacuum-packed sweet potatoes, drained*
- *1 (4-serving) package Jell-O sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix*
- *1 cup water*
- *3/4 cup seedless raisins*
- *3 tablespoons chopped pecans*
- *1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon*

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray. Evenly arrange sweet potatoes in prepared baking dish. In a medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, water and raisins. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring often. Add pecans and cinnamon. Mix well to combine. Spoon raisin mixture evenly over sweet potatoes. Bake for 30 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Divide into 6 servings.

Fave Foods OF THE FAMOUS

by Steven Austin



Photo Credit: Nick Ozarks

Bill Kurtis

An acclaimed documentary host and producer, network and major-market news anchor and multimedia production company president, Bill Kurtis has spent the past 40 years creating a body of work that is virtually unparalleled in the field of broadcasting. Born in Florida and raised in Independence, Kan., Kurtis graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in journalism. He attended Washburn University School of Law, where he was awarded a juris doctor.

He began his television career at a CBS affiliate in Topeka, Kan., eventually ending up as the anchor of the CBS Morning News. During his career as a network newsman, Kurtis covered such notable stories as the Richard Speck murders and the Charles Manson trial. He is also credited with breaking the Agent Orange story, and the story of Amerasian children in Vietnam. In 1990, he founded Kurtis Productions and began producing programs for the A&E Television Network, including the long-running, award-winning "Investigative Reports," "Cold Case Files" and "American Justice."

In his home state of Kansas, Kurtis is a rancher, radio-station and art-gallery owner, small businessman, supporter of small-town America and an active conservationist. His 10,000-acre Red Buffalo Ranch is a working cattle ranch, raising and marketing organic grass-fed beef. The ranch is located in the last section of North America to enjoy untouched tall grass prairie, a personal point of pride for him. For more information: www.tallgrassbeef.com, www.aande.com, www.kurtisproductions.com

Give us the benefits of grass-fed beef.

"There are three major benefits. It's good for our health because grass-fed beef has more omega-3 essential fatty acids, conjugated linoleic acids and less saturated fat and cholesterol than grain-fed animals. The leaner profile is healthier for us, and it contains fewer calories. Second, it's good for the environment because the cattle never leave the pasture. Finally, it's good for the family rancher. Grass-fed beef has yet to receive any subsidies from the government. And for that reason small ranchers are the primary producers."

Can you recall a major news story you covered that involved food in some way?

"I'm really not a food reporter. As you may know, I do crime stories for A&E, so I'm at a loss for a food trend. My encounters with food come from autopsies."

Your home state of Kansas is known for beef, of course. But what other Kansas foods should the world know more about?

"Wheat is our primary crop, and buckwheat pancakes have dazzled everyone from Bloomingdale's in New York to those who want food from the prairie. My Red Buffalo gift shop offers wild plum jelly, a native product that is wonderful. And I'm giving you a recipe for one of my favorite desserts that's just perfect after a juicy steak."

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BILL'S CAMPFIRE SKILLET UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

- *1 cup brown sugar*
- *1 stick butter*
- *1 teaspoon vanilla*
- *1 (16-ounce) can crushed pineapple*
- *1 1/2 cups sugar*
- *1 more stick butter*
- *2 eggs*
- *1 cup pineapple juice, plus water*
- *1 more teaspoon vanilla*
- *2 1/4 cups flour*
- *1/2 teaspoon salt*
- *1/2 teaspoon baking soda*
- *1 teaspoon baking powder*

Melt, in the bottom of a large 12-inch iron skillet, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 stick butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Add can of crushed pineapple, and boil low for about 5 minutes. In a mixing bowl, cream together sugar and 1 stick butter. Add 2 eggs, 1 cup canned pineapple juice (add water to make a full cup, if necessary), 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2 1/4 cups flour, salt, baking soda and baking powder. Mix well and spread over the pineapple mixture. Bake in pre-heated 350 F oven for 1 hour. When done, let set about 10 minutes before inverting onto serving plate.

Books

I Like You: Hospitality Under the Influence
By Amy Sedaris
(Warner Books, $27.99)
Reviewed by Ealish Waddell

Amy Sedaris is best known as a comedian and actress with a sense of humor that leans toward the odd and subversive. Who knew that inside this snarky persona lurked a perfectly coiffed and pearl-necklaced hostess eager to welcome her guests to yet another perfect get-together?

In "I Like You: Hospitality Under the Influence," Sedaris brings her own blend of spices to the kitchen. In these pages the reader will learn how to create the ideal ambience for any gathering, including:

• Ladies' Night: with step-by-step instructions for kitchen-cabinet facials and ironing each others' hair

• Rich relatives' visit: serve silver dollar pancakes and golden potatoes, of course

• Children's parties: Try the party game Junior Cat Burglar — "lock the kids out of the house and see if they can break back in.")

• Unexpected guests: Remember, if they won't leave, "you can always lie."

There's even a special section on the care, feeding, entertainment and entrepreneurial skills of rabbits, Sedaris' favorite pet. (Bunnies are the inspiration for both vanilla cupcakes and a gourmet mac-and-cheese recipe, among others, so they are obviously very gifted as muses.)

Although tongue-in-cheek, "I Like You" is not just one long joke. The recipes are serious and in fact quite tasty. The pages are peppered with useful hints on how to remove stains, buy gifts for lumberjacks and fend off attacking wolves. And the crafts really do make things.

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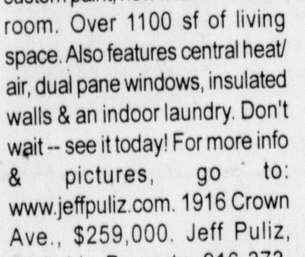
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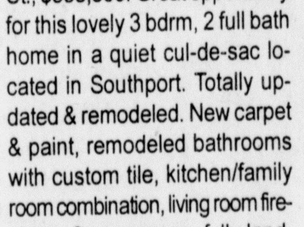
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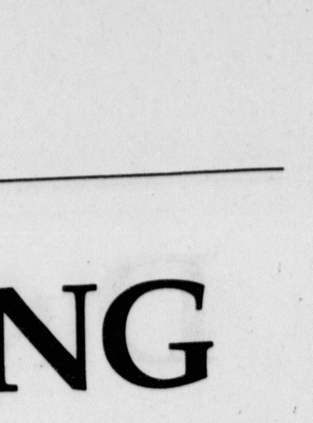
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 06-27075-CA Title Order No. 3077053 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/03/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/03/2007 at 12:00 p.m., PREMIER TRUST DEED SERVICES INC., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by YEVGENIY KOVAL, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY and recorded 02/13/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-0005839-00, of Official Records of Yolo County, California; WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state) At the rear (north) entrance to the City Hall building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust. Assessor's Parcel No. 045-744-021 / 045-744-02-1 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3333 HORNBY ISLAND STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, California 95691-5951 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $435,723.80. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: December 8, 2006 PREMIER TRUST DEED SERVICES INC., AS TRUSTEE Phyllis Mendez, Assistant Secretary 6501 Irvine Center Drive, Mail Stop DA-AM Irvine, CA 92618 (949) 784-6173 For sale information, please call 714-259-7850 THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 808959 12/13/2006, 12/20/2006, 12/27/2006

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No.: 20069134003914 FHA/VA/PMI No.: You Are in Default under a Deed of Trust, Dated 02/16/06. Unless You Take Action to Protect Your Property, it May Be Sold at a Public Sale. If You Need an Explanation of the Nature of the Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact a Lawyer. On January 2, 2007, at 12:45 PM, **First American LoanStar Trustee Services,** as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/27/06, as Instrument No. DOC-2006-0007760-00, in book , page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of California. Executed by: DOMINIQUE PACLIBAR, A SINGLE MAN. Will Sell at Public Auction to Highest Bidder for Cash, Cashier's Check/Cash Equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) **AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE WEST SACRAMENTO, CA**. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 046-512-12-1. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2568 BARONA COURT, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $490,924.03. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 12/12/06, First American Title Insurance Company, LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call 530-672-3033. Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. Any Information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0120135 12/13/06, 12/20/06, 12/27/06

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settlement. They deserve a contract comparable to other districts in the greater Sacramento area. Our children need quality teachers that are compensated fairly, who will stay and grow with our children, not teachers who will just put in their time and then move on to better paying districts or positions. We need our teachers to have faith in their board members. We need our board members to show faith in our teachers and work for them (thus, our children), not for their own personal political agendas.

It is not uncommon knowledge that teachers are underpaid, and they probably and unfortunately always will be. But to have to go to work every day, to put on that happy face and give our students, our children, our city and country's future, the best they can, without a contract, without the district's response, is just plain wrong. We don't need our teachers worrying about salaries, benefits and contracts. We need them to be able to concentrate on their given tasks, educating our children.

You, our school board members, need to reach a fair and equitable settlement that will attract and retain good quality teachers and personnel.

SALLY SCHANZE
West Sacramento

Iraq Report

At the risk of not only offending the party of "bipartisanship", but to committing political heresy as well, I note the following: To paraphrase Charlton Heston, in regards to the Baker-Hamilton Report, "They're called the seventy-nine recommendations, not the seventy-nine commandments."

There, now that we understand that the B-H Report is not cast in stone, doesn't that feel better? Now we can have a meaningful dialog regarding each of the 79 suggestions. In fact, I'll start by suggesting we add one more recommendation that was probably inadvertently left out of the report. Number 80: Why don't we include Israel in the direct talks with the surrounding nations regarding any solutions to the ongoing violence in Iraq as it affects the greater Middle East. They do, after all, have something at stake in all of this, I believe they call it national survival.

Unless, of course, the party of bipartisanship is full of anti-Semites. Oh yes, before you argue that, since we have the greatest influence over Israel, we must convince them that they should give up even more land for peace, remember that even their last unilateral land giveaway didn't bring peace, but rather, more bombing and terrorism to them. Lets dialog.

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

Top 10 Video Rentals

1. **The Da Vinci Code** .....(PG-13) *Tom Hanks* (Sony)
2. **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) *Tom Cruise* (Paramount)
3. **Cars** .....(G) *animated* (BV/Disney)
4. **Little Man** .....(PG-13) *Marlon Wayans* (Sony)
5. **The Break-Up** .....(PG-13) *Vince Vaughn* (Universal)
6. **John Tucker Must Die** (PG-13) *Jesse Metcalfe* (Fox)
7. **Click** .....(PG-13) *Adam Sandler* (Sony)
8. **Nacho Libre** .....(PG) *Jack Black* (Paramount)
9. **Accepted** .....(PG-13) *Justin Long* (Sony)
10. **Monster House** .....(PG) *Mitchell Musso* (Sony)

Top 10 DVD Sales

1. **Cars** .....(G) (Walt Disney/Pixar)
2. **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) (Paramount)
3. **Little Man** .....(PG-13) (Sony)
4. **Over the Hedge** .....(PG) (Paramount)
5. **Monster House** .....(PG) (Sony)
6. **The Little Mermaid** .....(G) (Walt Disney)
7. **Nacho Libre** .....(PG) (Paramount)
8. **The Santa Clause** .....(PG)) (Walt Disney)
9. **Click** .....(PG-13) (Sony)
10. **Transformers: The Movie** (PG) (Sony Wonder)

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. PERSONALITIES: What was the boxing champion Muhammad Ali's original name?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is the liquor cassis made from?
3. POP CULTURE: In what year was the Pillsbury Doughboy introduced in TV ads?
4. ASTRONOMY: What is a "maria"?
5. ART: Who painted the famous portrait called "American Gothic"?
6. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter"?
7. MOVIES: Who was the first black man to win an Oscar?
8. ROYALTY: What is Prince Andrew's official title?
9. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing Teflon?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was the name of President Clinton's cat?

Answers

1. Cassius Clay
2. Black currants
3. 1965
4. Also known as a sea, a maria is a dark region on the Moon.
5. Grant Wood
6. Carson McCullers
7. Sidney Poitier won for his role in "Lilies of the Field."
8. Duke of York
9. Roy Plunkett
10. Socks

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as River City Smog & Lube, 737 Sacramento Ave., West Sacramento CA 95605:

Rajesh Ram, 8183 Heather Grove Ct., Sacramento CA 95828.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/1/06.

/s/Rajesh Ram

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov 1 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. FD-92438-C Loan No. 0323369504 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/14/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: DAVID MIRAMONTES and DENISE MIRAMONTES, husband and wife, as joint tenants Recorded 2/24/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0008722-00 in Book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale: 12/26/2006 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: AT THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA Property Address is purported to be: 1700 LAUREL LANE WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 APN #: 008-484-181 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is $294,985.44, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Date: November 30, 2006 EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC FKA EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. 15455 SAN FERNANDO MISSION BLVD SUITE #208 MISSION HILLS, CA 91345 818-361-6998 Beatriz Osorio TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 805983 12/06/2006, 12/13/2006, 12/20/2006



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Local Scene

Give the red stuff

The City of West Sacramento will host a blood drive today at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Look for the Sacramento BloodSource mobile coach. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins will be accepted as much as possible. For information or appointments, call Kryss Rankin, 617-4500.

Golden Years

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento will host a potluck dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever St., at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19. Please bring your own service. The club serves people age 50 and over. For membership information, call 371-8479.

Essays on women

Yolo County's "Women's History Month" committee is sponsoring an essay contest on the theme, "Generations of Women Moving History Forward." Students are invited to submit an essay about a woman in American history, and how she changed America. There will be a $100 prize for a winner in the 9th and 10th grades and another $100 prize for 11th and 12th grade. Due date is February 23. Email Catherine Portman, cportman@gmail.com, or call (530) 666-0882 regarding submissions, and search for the "National Women's History Project" website for information.

Moose Events

West Sacramento Moose Lodge will celebrate New Year's Eve on Dec. 31 with a steak dinner; $40 per person beginning at 6 p.m. and including dancing from 9-1. Advance tickets only for the New Year's Eve event; call Buddy Linker, (916) 718-4175.

Scrooge & friends

The West Sacramento Community Theater will present "It Happened One Christmas," a musical tale based on Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8, 9, 15 & 16 at the Yolo High School Auditorium, 915 Westacre Road. Drama, humor & carols. $8 general admission and $5 for seniors over 55 and for students. Purchase tickets at the door or at Southport Coffee, 1350 Harbor Blvd. Call (916) 491-1085 for details.

For the troops

The Delta Star OES "We Care" program aims to send holiday packages to American troops overseas. Donations of gifts may be dropped at the Scepter Masonic Center, 3250 Jefferson Blvd., on the fourth Monday of the month between 5:30-8:30 p.m. For information, call Brenda at (916) 354-0661 or David at 362-7574.

Christmas party

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will sponsor a Christmas party for local children from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the lodge, 423 Third Street, on Sat., Dec. 23. Kids up to age 12 are invited. There will be free hot dogs and a gift from Santa.

Adopt a family

You or your organization are invited to "adopt" a family at the Transitional Housing Program and help make sure the children experience a good Christmas. Donate or purchase a toy or item or clothing, or do more if your budget allows. The families are at the center while trying to change the circumstances that rendered them homeless. Call Sharon Wagner, 372-0200 ext. 114.

Volunteers needed

River City High School needs volunteers to help at an upcoming "financial aid for college" workshop, and will provide training to prospective volunteers on Jan. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at the Department of Human Assistance, 1725 28th St., Sacramento. RSVP. Contact Assemblyman Dave Jones's office at 324-4676.

Christmas lights

A resident of West Sacramento's Call Court invites you to come by and see the local homeowners' famous annual Christmas light display. Residents will provide a donation can to accept canned foods and another for unwrapped toys, all of which will be donated to a needy charity. Candy canes will be handed out between 6-10 p.m. on Dec. 15-16. Take Jefferson to Higgins to Mareca to Call Court. Call 371-8067 with questions.

Christmas project

The annual community Christmas Basket Project, sponsored by a large local coalition of groups, is again gearing up to provide holiday food baskets at Christmas-time to needy residents. If you can donate canned goods, baby food or toys, prepare lunch for volunteers or make a cash donation, call 372-3360. Or send a check to the West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project, PO Box 1236, West Sacramento CA 95691.

Senior housing

Looking for affordable senior housing? A 59-unit senior housing project is scheduled to open in January. Visit www.cityofdavis.org/housing/affordable or call (530) 757-5691.

Women's awards

Soroptimist International of West Sacramento is seeking nominations for two awards. The "Violet Richardson Award homors women age 14-17 for volunteer actions, and the "Women's Opportunity Awards" program gives cash grants for women seeking to improve their employment status through additional education and skills training. To make a nomination and for other information, call Irene Eklund at 371-2256, or email nelske@charter.net.

Coats needed

News 10 is again sponsoring a "Coats for Kids" drive, asking for new or gently-used coats of all sizes, for cleaning by Swanson's Cleaners and distribution to the needy. One local drop-off point, courtesy of the Women of the Moose Lodge, is the Moose Family Center, 3240 Jefferson Blvd., which opens at 2 p.m. daily. For a list of drop-off points, visit news10.net or call 321-3362. You may also make a cash donation to help provide coats by making a check out to "Coats for Kids" and sending it to the Salvation Army, PO Box 340699, Sacramento CA 95834.

Still time to catch St. Nick locally—

The West Sacramento Fire Department, in conjunction with the West Sacramento Firefighter's Association, is in the middle of its annual "Santa Run" through West Sacramento. With the help of many off-duty firefighter "elves", Santa is riding through various neighborhoods on an elaborately decorated fire truck "sleigh" and handing out candy canes purchased and donated by the West Sacramento Firefighter's Association. Additionally, Santa will have a pickup truck following his sleigh with helpers collecting canned food donations for the needy.

This year the Santa Run began on Monday, is scheduled for six nights beginning at 6 p.m. each night. Remaining dates and regions are:

Wednesday, December 13th, in Old West Sacramento on the following streets: Deerwood, Lakewood, Fernwood, Sonora, Haverhill, Meadow, Webster, Virginia, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

Thursday, December 14th in Southport North East on the following streets: Aster, Kinsington, Manchester, Gateway, Sausalito, Sansome, Hearst, Randolf, Mojave, Merced, Rubacon, Ironwood, Spruce, Redwood, Alder, Limewood, Almond, Peppertree and Peachtree.

Friday, December 15th in Southport South West on the following streets: Independence, Lagoon, Meadowlark, Starling, Sandpiper, Pheasant Hollow, Duet, Constitution, Summerfield, Jacquelyn, Janet, Betty, Shirley, Leslie, Diane, Brenda, Kathy, Nancy, Violet, Mareca, Teal, Canvasback, Pitzer and Allen.

Monday, December 18th in Southport West (Bridgeway Island, including Cayman, St. John, Martinique, St. Croix, Haiti, Swan, Suisun, Ryer, Catalina, Santa Cruz, Half Moon Bay, Cooper, Fiji, Bowen, Stuart, Graham, San Salvador, Abaco, Bridgeway Lakes, Henshaw, Eagle, Lewiston, Tahoe and Coyote.

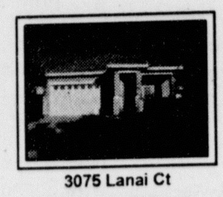
Please understand that Santa cannot get to every street. Santa's route will not include trailer parks, courts, or dead-end-streets. For further information, please call 617-4744. Please do not call 9-1-1, they have no information about this event.

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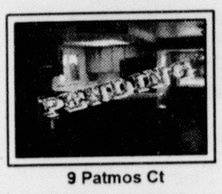
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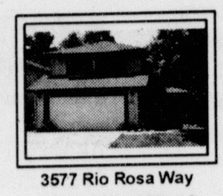
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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Ants can be found virtually everywhere in the world — the only places where the ubiquitous insects aren't found are around the North Pole and the South Pole, and on frozen mountain peaks. There are 12,000 known species of ant, and entomologists estimate that there are 10 trillion ants worldwide. If you were to lump all of them together, the combined weight would be roughly the same as the weight of all the people in the world.

• British historian Edward Gibbon wrote the six volumes of his literary masterpiece "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" in 20 years. It took Noah Webster 36 years to write his dictionary.

• It was beloved star of film and television Lucille Ball who made the following observation: "The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age."

• As the cold season progresses wherever you are, you might think longingly of a nice long vacation in Hawaii. And with good reason: In the winter, Honolulu has an average high temperature of 80 F.

• If you're planning on starting or expanding your family, you might want to keep this in mind: A new baby in the home typically increases electricity consumption by 25 percent.

• Every September, the town of Shreveport, La., traditionally hosts the Olympics. The Office Olympics, that is. Teams, which must be made up of five men and women who are actual office employees, compete in such events as the Office Chair Roll-Off, the Water Break Relay and — my personal favorite — Toss the Boss.

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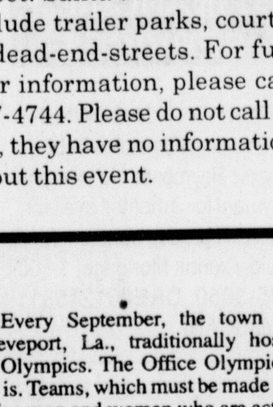
Thought for the Day: "I refuse to spend my life worrying about what I eat. There is no pleasure worth forgoing just for an extra three years in the geriatric ward." — *John Mortimer*

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Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.
—Henry Van Dyke

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